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MERELY AWAITS CONSENT FROM LEAGUE POWERS

Way to Peace May Lie Through Abyssinia

London, Feb. 24.

Defending the Government's decision with regard to the Anglo-Italian talks, Lord Halifax to-day declared that the Government was not prepared to let slip an opportunity from which peace might spring. They might be disappointed, but that did not necessarily prove they were wrong. He emphasised that the British policy remained unchanged.

With regard to Abyssinia, he said that provided the consent of the League was obtained, the Government would be willing to consider the Italian conquest apart from a general settlement.—*Reuter*.

South African Premier Supports Chamberlain

Capetown, Feb. 24.

Complete confidence in Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his stand in the recent ministerial crisis was expressed by General Hertzog, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, when interviewed to-day. He had nothing to say with regard to the merits of the case concerning the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden, but Mr. Chamberlain had his full support so far as the policy followed by him was concerned, and also with regard to the way adopted by Mr. Chamberlain to execute that policy.—*Reuter*.

France Will Follow Britain's Lead

New York, Feb. 24.

The new French Ambassador, to the United States predicted on arrival here that France would follow suit if Britain recognises the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, and added that the resignation of Mr. Eden would not interfere with the internal policy of France, and the two nations would continue to co-operate for European peace.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Test Plane Feared Lost In England

Three Men Aboard

London, Feb. 24.

A Royal Air Force plane, practising for a world long-distance flight, which left Upper Heyford for a flight round Britain, with three members of the Air Force aboard, is missing. It was last heard of at 8 p.m. off Rothbury, in Northumberland.

The machine is a Vickers-Wellesley, and the occupants are Flight-Lieut. F.S. Gardner, Flying-Officer G.A.D. Thomson, who had been chosen by the Air Ministry to attempt the record flight, and Sergeant George Hicks.—*Reuter*.

To Film War In China

Dutch Director Begins Quest

Hankow, Feb. 25.

The famous Dutch movie director, Joris Ivens, co-creator with world-famed author, Ernest Hemingway, of "Spanish Earth," has arrived here, accompanied by his cameramen, John Ferno and Andre Cappa.

They are proceeding to the northern front, where they will spend six months making a dramatic documentary film of the Chinese resistance to the Japanese invasion.—*United Press*.

China Sends Protest To Herr Hitler

Hankow, Feb. 25.

Late yesterday the Chinese Government lodged a protest with Herr Adolf Hitler as Chancellor of Germany, in connection with the German recognition of Manchukuo.—*United Press*.

Independence Of Austria Emphasised

Schuschnigg Explains Berchtesgaden Talks

Vienna, Feb. 24.

The independence of Austria was emphatically re-affirmed by Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor in his eagerly-awaited speech in Parliament Building. He said that the Government regards its first and foremost duty to maintain intact with all its strength, the freedom and independence of the Fatherland.

The German-Austrian wants to serve the German people as a good German and as a loyal Austrian, co-operating in a common destiny with the Germans, but within the Austrian frontier.

The new Government aimed, without party ties, at combining all political tendencies under an authoritative head.

His visit to Berchtesgaden was a milestone towards peace. Austria stands or falls with its German mission. The making of peace after five years of civil strife was the sense and purpose of the Berchtesgaden talks.—*Reuter*.

SCHUSCHNIGG WILDLY GREETED

Dr. Schuschnigg, in the course of his speech, referred to the Berchtesgaden agreement and said: "We realise we have gone to the limit."

Referring to the Jewish question, the Chancellor declared that all citizens are equal before Austrian law and shall remain so. He denied that Italy had been let down by Austria, and emphasised that Herr Hitler had given an assurance that no further interference of Austrian domestic life would occur.

After his speech, Dr. Schuschnigg headed a procession of 50,000. It was the most enthusiastic demonstration seen in Vienna for many years.

Groups of patriotic formations shouted: "Down with Austria-Nazi," "Butter rather than guns," "For free Austria," and "Heil Schuschnigg!"

Isolated groups of Nazis tried to disturb the demonstration with the result there were scuffles, but no serious clashes.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Drive Checked West of Tsining

THIS MAN LED CHINESE RAID AGAINST FORMOSA



COMMANDER VINCENT SCHMIDT

AMERICAN ACE HEADS INTERNATIONAL GROUP IN FIRST AIR FORAY

When the Chinese bombers sped across the China Sea Wednesday on their first daring raid over Japanese soil, they were led by an intrepid veteran of many wars, Commander Vincent Schmidt, chief of the International Squadron of volunteers of many nationalities. Commander Schmidt is an American. With him on the Taihoku raid, which is credited with having destroyed 40 Japanese planes at the air base, a wireless station and various other equipment of the aerodrome, were an unknown number of foreign and Chinese aviators, including Russians.

It is believed that Commander Schmidt may next lead a bombing expedition against Japan proper.

A United Press message from Hankow this morning states that so far it cannot be confirmed that Chinese planes flew over Japan yesterday. But it is believed that one light bomber appeared over Tokyo on a survey flight, apparently preparatory for a bombing expedition in the future.

Meanwhile, adventurous Vincent Schmidt, and the rest of the officers of the International Squadron, say nothing.

Fighter For 20 Years

This Commander Schmidt is an interesting character. He has been a fighting man for 20 years.

He calls Roosevelt Field, Mineola, New York, his home. And he was born somewhere on Long Island.

He was in the World War. Then he fought with the Mexicans, and when the Italians went to Ethiopia, Schmidt went too, and fought against them. In Spain, he was again in action, this time under the colours of the Spanish Government. Finally, he has gravitated into the ranks of China's new air force and leads its most effective branch—the International Squadron, or 14th Squadron of the Chinese Air Force, as it is officially called.

On his uniform flying-suit, in Chinese characters can be read: "This foreigner has come to China to help us fight the Japanese. All military and civilian people should help and protect him." This is a precaution taken to guard him against the Chinese themselves. He may be forced to land among ignorant peasant people and since he does not speak the Chinese language he might be mistaken for an enemy. All foreign pilots with the Chinese have this message to the people attached to their flying suits.

Anglo-Irish Trade Pact To Be Sought

Conversations Show Promise Of Results

London, Feb. 24.

British political circles anticipate that the Anglo-Irish discussions will result in a trade agreement unhampered by political difficulties. It is gathered that there is by no means any solution to the problems of partition and defence in sight, but it is thought that a trade agreement is near, and will be treated as a separate issue, apart from political considerations.

The Irish delegation has at present tentatively arranged to return to Dublin on Saturday and to resume the discussions on Thursday next. Mr. Eamon De Valera will be busy in Dublin on Monday and Tuesday in connection with the election of the new Senate, and he will return to London on Wednesday.

North Ireland members of Parliament, who saw Mr. De Valera to-day made a statement to him in which they told Mr. De Valera that one third of the countries in North Ireland desired union. The Belfast Government discriminated against the Catholics, the British Government being primarily responsible for this situation. Mr. De Valera promised to bring the attention of the British Government to these facts.—*Reuter*.

MALCOLM MACDONALD AND DE VALERA TALK

London, Feb. 24.

Following further talks among the Anglo-Irish officials on the question of trade and finance, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Dominions, had an interview with Mr. De Valera, after which Mr. MacDonald announced that there would be no plenary meetings of the two delegations to-day.

Later the full team of Ministers, apart from Mr. De Valera, participated in further trade talks in the House of Commons.

Four Nationalist leaders from Northern Ireland called on Mr. De Valera to press the case against partition.—*Reuter*.

RECALLED GENERAL WELCOMED

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

Acclaimed by thousands, General Iwane Matsui returned here yesterday afternoon. He was met at the station by representatives of the Army, Navy, and the Cabinet.

Prince Asaka, commander of the expeditionary force, and Lieutenant General Yanagawa, commander of the Hangchow Bay landing force, who were recalled at the same time as General Matsui, are arriving to-day. All three men will later to-day report to the Emperor on the military situation in Central China.

General Matsui is submitting detailed reports on military matters, and Prince Kanin, chief of the Army General Staff and War Minister, is also submitting important suggestions on recent events in China to the Premier and the Army.—*Reuter*.

New Palestine Port Opened

Passengers Can Land At Telaviv

Jerusalem, Feb. 24.

The new 220,000 port for passenger ships at Telaviv was inaugurated to-day.

Owing to the heavy gale, accompanied by rain, the landing of passengers and other outside ceremonies had to be cancelled.

Hitherto the port has only been handling goods, such as citrus and fruit, but the Government in Palestine has now sanctioned passenger landings and entertainments.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

INVADERS MASSING ON YELLOW RIVER BUT CANNOT CROSS

Powerful Resistance In Shansi Slows Progress

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

Japanese troops claim the capture of Kiating, a town 15 miles west of Tsining, but all attempts by the Japanese forces in this sector to penetrate further southward towards the Lunghai railway, appear to have been held up by effective Chinese resistance.

Meanwhile increasing numbers of Japanese troops are massing at various points on the north bank of the Honan stretch of the Yellow River, but so far no crossing has been effected.

Japanese passage to the south bank, where strong Chinese forces are massed, would mark a new phase in the hostilities which now are virtually deadlocked, except in Shansi, where the Japanese continue to hammer spearheads further into the southern section of the province.

DEATH OF FAMOUS EXPLORER

Dr. Gann, Discoverer Of Maya Cities

London, Feb. 24.

The death was announced to-day, following a short illness, of Dr. Thomas William Francis Gann, J.P., M.B.E.S., L.R.C.P., D.M., F.R.C.S., F.R.A.S., the well-known explorer.—*Reuter*.

Dr. Gann was educated at King's School, Canterbury, and later studied at the Middlesex Hospital. He was in charge of the relief expedition to the sufferers from the Guatemala earthquake and received the thanks of the Colonial Secretary for this work. He was also thanked by the Secretary to the U.S. Navy for his work during the Great War.

He was particularly well known as an explorer and discovered the ancient Maya city of Coba in northern Yucatan. He also discovered the ancient Maya cities of Tzibanche and Chichantun. He became a Fellow of the American Geographical Society in 1927.

In 1926 he represented the British Government at the Americanists Congress in Rome. Two years later he was placed in charge of the British Honduras Expedition to British Honduras. He first described and named the Maya city of Xumucha in 1920.

He was elected Honorary Associate of the Geographical and Historical Society of Guatemala in 1928 and became a Member of the Royal Empire Society.

In 1929 Dr. Gann was in charge of the British Museum Expedition to Minanha. Two years later he became an Hon. Associate of the Department of Middle American Research, Tulane University. He was a member of the Legislative Council and Principal Medical Officer at British Honduras. He was a lecturer on Central American archaeology at the University of Liverpool, and a Fellow of the Maya Society.

He was the author of many publications dealing with explorations and archaeological research.

The Chinese are trying to check the Japanese advance with counterattacks, but hitherto no notable success has been achieved.

At the same time no decisive developments have occurred either on the southern or northern fronts of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, but the absence of any headway by the Japanese suggests that they are encountering more powerful resistance than expected.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS

DETECTIVE LATE FOR OWN TRIAL

Charged with the manslaughter of a police suspect named Chan Sun, Chan Chun, Detective C454, failed to appear at the Criminal Court at 10 o'clock this morning when the trial was resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor. The Chief Justice ordered that a warrant be issued for his arrest and his bail of \$250 entreated.

Defendant came into Court at 10.20 a.m., and was immediately arrested on the Bench Warrant, the Jury empanelled to take the case having been discharged by the Chief Justice a few minutes before the detective's arrival.

Brought under arrest before the Chief Justice, Chan Chun said that he had thought that the case would not commence until 10.30 a.m.

The warrant and order for treatment of bail, however, will be held in custody until the next sessions.

Chan Chun was brought to trial during the current Sessions after a Jury empanelled to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Chan Sun had returned a verdict of manslaughter against the detective.

The prosecution alleged during the trial that ended so sensationally this morning that the injuries from which Chan Sun died were inflicted by the detective.

U.S. PLANES FOR HOLLAND

Durham, Cal., Feb. 24.

The Lockheed company announces delivery of luxurious transport planes to the Royal Dutch airline, the first of eight having already been accepted. The cost of the planes is \$1,000,000 and constitutes the largest foreign order Lockheed has obtained.—*United Press*.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

A Quest that began IN A HANDBAG

A HANDBAG slid to the floor scattering the contents—a jumble of make-up consisting of one brand of face powder, another of rouge and a lipstick which did not match it.

It sounds haphazard—it is! Few women have ever known definitely how to enhance their own natural colouring in their make-up, how to select shades that harmonise.

Beauty experts have tried to help. They have classified women as blondes or brunettes—but what of those with dark hair and fair skin? They have talked of "skin tones", or "types", but how many women know their own type? For months scientists and colourists at the Richard Hudnut laboratories have studied types of colouring and have made a startling dramatic discovery!

Nature has given every woman a personality colour, definitely related to skin and hair pigmentation, a colour influenced by factors of heredity, a colour which never changes. It is the colour of the eyes.

Every woman knows, if her eyes are blue, that she looks her best in a soft blue dress, or if her eyes are brown, that she looks well in orange. It is true of clothes—it is just as true of cosmetics.

The new "Matched Make-up" makes it simple for everyone to find the make-up that harmonises with this basic colour which is essentially personal. It has scientifically keyed to the personality colour, the colour of the eyes, a matched make-up harmonising shades of face powder, rouge, lipstick, eye shadow, and mascara.

Stars of the stage and screen have tested and endorsed this new make-up. Artists and beauty authorities give it their professional approval. Women with eyes of every colour, blondes, brunettes, redheads, young girls, older women, have tried it, enthused about the things it does for them.

Matched Make-up is the dernier cri in London and New York.

Does Your Child Dislike School?

By A Teacher

DON'T worry if your child is reluctant to begin school again much to restore his self-confidence. After the week-end, that "Monday morning" feeling is perfectly natural. His teacher suffers from it too, and the only cure is the week's normal round of work and play that follows.

Most healthy children either actually enjoy school, although it is "simply not done" to admit it, or else regard it in the same light as washing behind the ears, or the necessity for clean clothes and various other incomprehensible duties of authority.

The child, however, who is "out of sorts" will sometimes evince a dread of school. The strain of lessons and discipline is too much for an ailing youngster, or look for physical symptoms if your son or daughter shows an unusual dislike for school. Keep an eye on your child's health and appetite for a day or two, and take what measures experience dictates.

Defective Eyesight

Defective eyesight, often unsuspected, is another frequent cause of trouble in school-life. A boy who cannot see the board distinctly dislikes making a fuss about it, and small danger of secret reprisals suffers both in neatness and accuracy, and he ceases to have any interest in his lessons.

Most teachers keep an eye open for such suspects, but in a big class he may be overlooked, so watch for screwed-up eyes, blinking, or a tendency to hold a reading-book very near the eyes, and have his sight properly tested.

Spectacles worn to prevent strain of the eye-muscles and eye structure are easily damaged, may very often be discarded at twelve years of age, unless, of course, there is some more serious defect of vision. No child likes to feel himself a freak, and if he becomes backward in certain subjects, due to absence of a dislike for lessons. A word with the teacher will give you information on that score, and either a little extra attention at home or extra attention at school will bring him up to the level.

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Is your child shy at parties?

by
ANTHONY WEYMOUTH

Do you remember the days before radio and gramophone, when nearly all children learned the piano?

And didn't you pity the small boy or girl who was made to play his five-finger exercises whenever mother had any one to tea?

You'll probably agree now that it was all wrong to make an unwilling child perform before an even less willing visitor.

Parents had the mistaken idea that by submitting a cringing child to the torture of social exposure they were "teaching it to get over its self-consciousness."

But all they were doing was to pile up the repressions which made Tommy even more self-conscious on the next occasion he was trotted out.

Leave Him

THERE are ways, however, of teaching your child not to be shy.

As self-consciousness is consciousness of one's self, it can best be met (and neutralised) by starting off a child doing only those things in public in which he's really interested.

To compel your child to play the piano, whether he's interested in it or not, is a waste of time and money. If he happens to be really musical he may show a little hesitation in getting away from scratch in public, but he'll soon be taking more notice of the music than of the visitors, and his self-consciousness will have disappeared.

If, on the other hand, he hates singing or piano playing, he'll get into his head that he's being made to perform for the benefit, not of himself, but of his elders.

If you doubt the truth that absorption of the child's interest is the one important thing to aim at, just do this.

Next time you're at a children's party, note how each new arrival (including your own child) stands, first on one leg, then on the other, looks from lowered lids round the room, hangs its head and clings to the hand of its mother.

Then get your own child to make friends with another. Once this difficult task is safely accomplished, go away for an hour.

You'll see a very different scene when you return. Self-consciousness will have been replaced by self-confidence. Because all the children are doing something in which they're interested.

Now adapt this to your child. Find out what will really interest him before you make him perform in public.

Suppose he loves reading. Well, get him to read aloud, first to you alone, then to you and one other. Then, increase the size of his audience without, of course, drawing his attention to the increase.

Few grown-ups realise how sensitive small children may be. We're rather given to look upon them as creatures without emotions, who've got to be treated with a firm hand.

I've never forgotten how a small daughter of mine suffered on one occasion. She was about four at the time and had an adopted "uncle" of whom she was very fond. He

came to a children's party at our house and forgot to dance with her.

Too Late

MARY had to stand alone against the wall, while he danced with other little girls.

At last, a grown-up saw how sad my little girl was looking, and how her eyes were following her "uncle" round the room.

"Don't you see," this woman said to him, "that you're breaking Mary's heart?"

"Uncle" was very penitent and at once crossed the room and asked for a dance.

But Mary her eyes full of tears, shook her head and turned away. "It's too late now," was all she said.

And yet there are still people who think it right to treat children as if they were merely machines.

I know it's often extremely difficult to hit the happy mean between too much indulgence and undue firmness. All grown-ups (rightly) dislike the spoiled child. But surely we can train our children to think of others without treating them unkindly.

Proud Tommy

HOW are we to deal with those children who are never at their ease with other children, who are awkward and gauche, and who dread parties?

Start by assuming that there's a cause. Then do your best to find out what it is. And at all costs put it right before you force the child into the sort of position which may give him an inferiority complex.

Here's an example. A fond mother spent a lot of money on all kinds of fancy clothes for her only son's Christmas parties. She was well-meaning; but by the time she'd finished poor little Tommy looked something like the Christmas tree itself.

He was too proud to tell his mother that he felt awkward in all his glory. But he did forcibly resist all her efforts to make him show himself to other boys.

The story has a happy ending. Some wiser person found out what was troubling this small boy. Tommy was dressed like other boys—and lived happily ever after.

So when your boy is awkward with others remember the Herd instinct. We like to be as others are, to look like them, to feel as they do, and to be one among many. It may be that we make the little chap look silly by the way we speak to him in front of other children. We may be too affectionate—or too domineering.

My goodness, we grown-up have to be careful, don't we?

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Trinidad Colony Report

'APPALLINGLY UNFORTUNATE SPEECHES BY GOVERNOR'

TO MAKE WAY FOR SOONG?



Dr. H. H. Kung, Premier and Finance Minister of China, whose brother-in-law, Mr. T. V. Soong, may take over the latter portfolio.

LONG LOST WATCH PLOWED UP

Pean Yan, N. Y.
Robert Perry of nearby Italy Hill plowed up a gold watch lost by his father, Fred Perry, 17 years ago. The timepiece was repaired and is running as well as ever, according to the owner.

CANNED FISH FOR CATS

Warsaw.
One of the largest fish canneries in the Polish port of Gdynia is negotiating with a firm of British importers to supply them with large quantities of canned fish, intended especially for cats.

Crowd Poured Flaming Oil On Helpless Corporal

AN appalling picture of conditions in the British Colony of Trinidad and Tobago, which culminated in the riots of June last, when 14 people were killed and 59 were wounded, is drawn by the Commission appointed by the Colonial Secretary to investigate the disturbances.

The riots followed strikes in the Trinidad oilfields and an attempt by the police to arrest Uriah Butler, a negro.

Founder and leader of the British Empire Workers' and Citizens' Home Rule Party, Butler is now serving a sentence of two years' hard labour for sedition.

"Untimely and unfortunate" speeches by the then Governor, Sir A. Murchison Fletcher, are strongly criticised and the Commission considers that the Trinidad Government acted improperly in negotiating with Butler—described as a "fanatic"—when he was a fugitive from justice.

Sir Murchison Fletcher was recalled by the Colonial Secretary in November to discuss the situation. His resignation on grounds of ill-health was announced on January 11.

BURNED TO DEATH

The report says that on June 19 two oil wells were on fire—apparently a signal to workers that the strike was on.

Butler, arrested by Inspector Power for inciting a meeting at Fyzabad, appealed to the crowd, which charged the police, and he was released.

"An officer of great courage," Corporal King, who tried to arrest Butler, was thrown to the ground. His leg was broken, and while he

lay helpless oil was poured on him and he was burned to death.

Another police officer was shot dead; but Inspector Power refused to allow his men to open fire.

"So desperate a situation," says the report, "required a stern remedy, and had he ordered fire to be opened upon the crowd the Colony might well have been spared from any extension of the disturbances and from the further violence which followed."

APOLOGY AFTER RAID

Sir Murchison Fletcher is criticised for issuing a notice apologising to the people of Fyzabad for a raid carried out by police, sailors, marines and volunteers.

This notice, it is complained, was issued without proper regard to the actual facts or due appreciation of the effect it was likely to have on police morale.

Severe criticism of some employers is expressed, and sweeping reforms are suggested. Chief among these is the establishment of a Labour Department and Industrial Court to be responsible for the settling up and conduct of conciliation machinery.

STRIKES ORIGIN

The Commission states that the true origin of the disturbances was dissatisfaction for which there was no adequate means of expression through recognised machinery for collective bargaining.

This unrest came to a head when the cost of living rose and earnings were not promptly adjusted. To many workers a strike seemed the only remedy.

It is pointed out that the immediate causes of trouble were the activities of Butler and the "unruly element," but that the general dissatisfaction and the Government's hesitant policy resulted in the spread of disorder.

The Commission declares that the establishment of constitutional trade unions, "given guidance by Government and tolerant encouragement by employers," is the surest way to stability.

REGULAR TROOPS

This is followed by the revelation that oil and agricultural employers strongly urged the introduction of regular troops to keep order.

"It seems to us that to take such a course would create a feeling of bitterness and suspicion among the working people."

"We desire to dissociate ourselves entirely from the steps taken since the departure of the London Members of the Commission from the Colony, to station there, even temporarily, regular troops, if and in so far as these steps were taken on the pretext that civil disturbances are likely to follow the publication of our report."

The Commission was composed of Mr. John Forster (chairman), Sir Arthur Pugh, Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Justice Vincent Brown and Mr. Gwilym Arthur Jones.

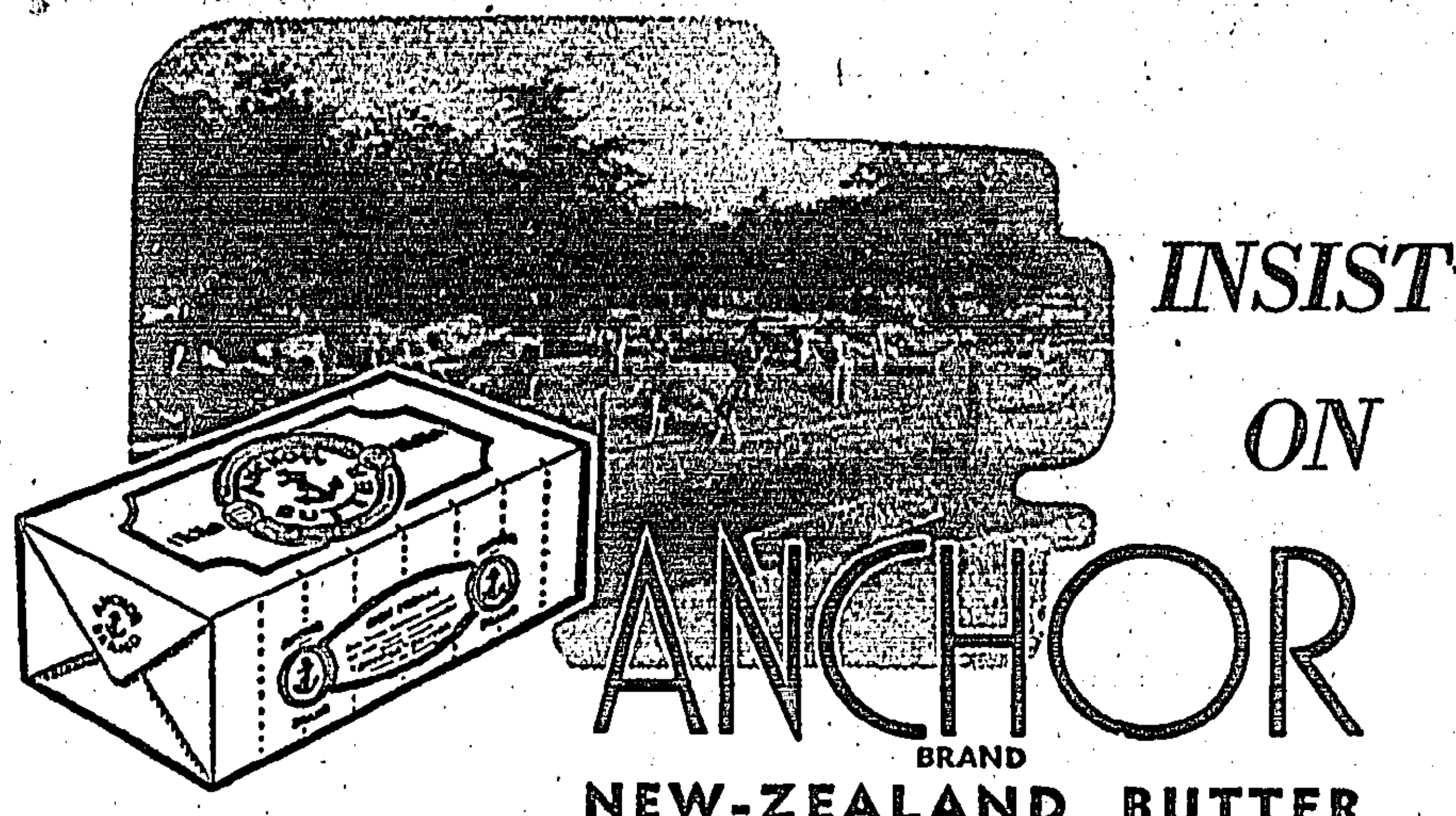
Duke's Furniture Sent To New Chateau

THE Duke of Windsor's favourite armchair, his portable gramophone and a large collection of records were among some of the Duke's personal property removed from Windsor Castle to be sent to France.

The Duke will find the chateau at Versailles which he has rented for four months furnished with these things and others, including some of his antiques removed from Fort Belvedere after his abdication.

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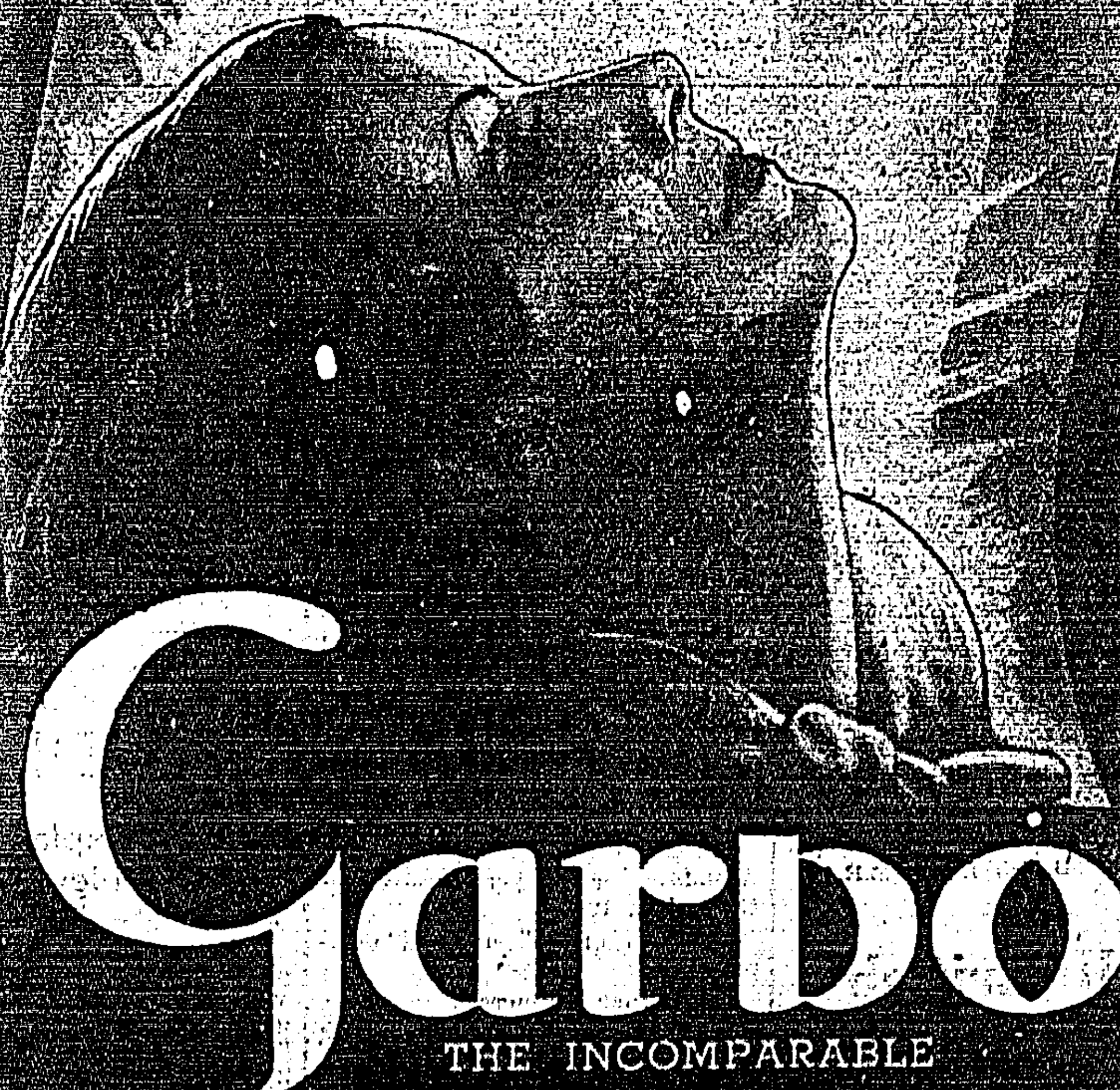
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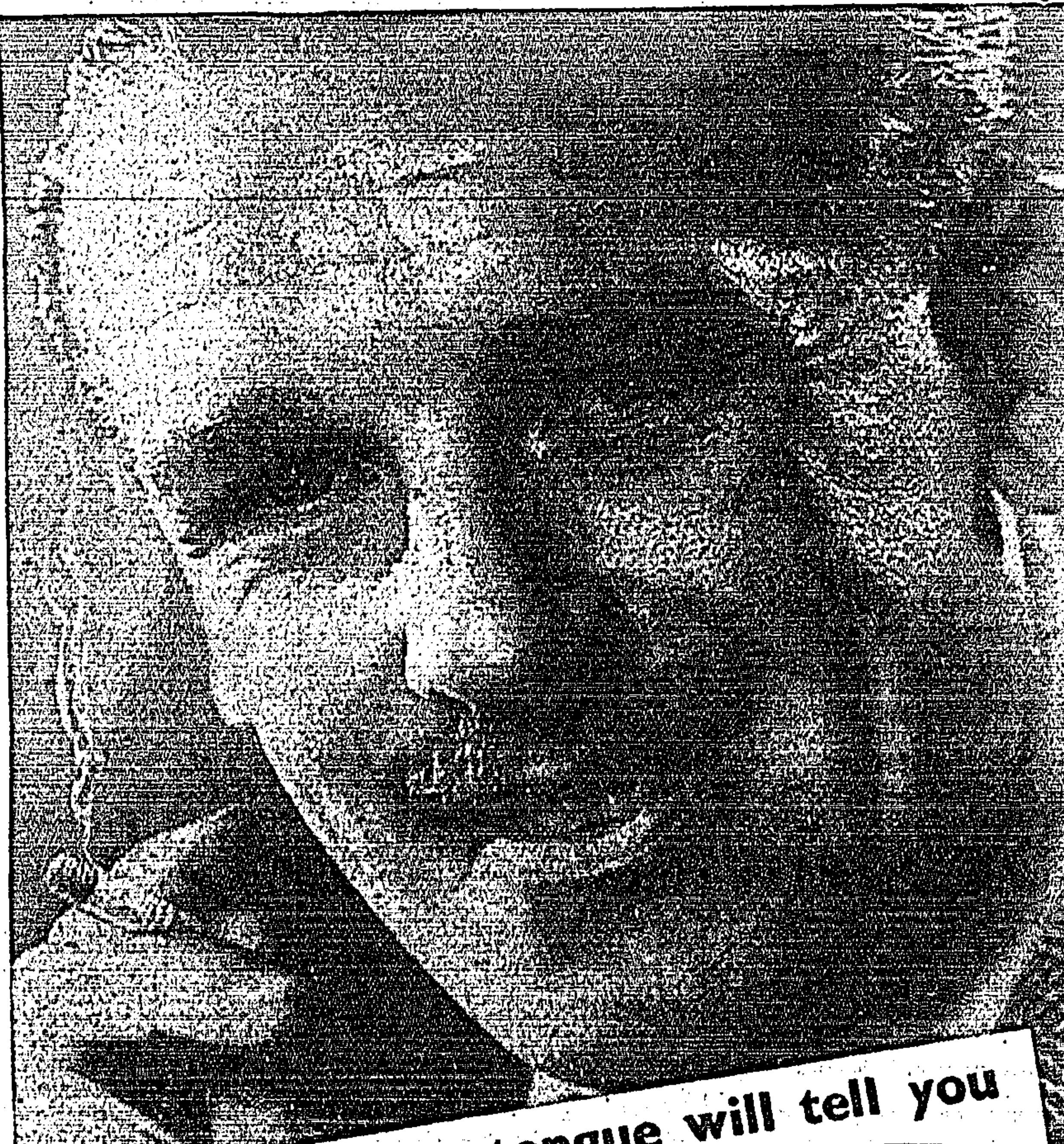


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"VICTORIA THE GREAT" PREVIEWED

Best British Film Since "Henry VIII"

Following its extraordinary success in England and America, the famous film "Victoria the Great," produced and directed by Herbert Wilcox at the Denham Studios in England last summer, with Anna Neagle in the title role, has now reached the Colony. It was previewed at the Queen's Theatre yesterday and will have its Gala Premiere at this theatre to-night. The picture is released here by H.K.O. Radio.

Much has been heard in Hongkong about this film which, at the request of the Federation of British Industries, was shown at the Paris Exposition last September as a worthy representation of the work of British producers. It is everything that it has been made out to be: an affectionate and dignified account of the life of Queen Victoria, from her accession to the throne to the time of her Diamond Jubilee.

Covering as it does nearly the whole of Victoria's reign, the picture must necessarily touch only lightly on some episodes of her life which some historians may think important enough to deserve greater attention by Mr. Wilcox; but a more detailed account would certainly take longer to screen than its present form which requires 113 minutes to show.

This picture can be ranked, completely without prejudice, with the best America has produced in recent years, and certainly the best from a British film studio since Alexander Korda's "The Sign of the Cross," in every respect. It is a triumph for the British industry.

Mr. Wilcox has here proved conclusively that elaborate settings are not the most important ingredients in the making of a really good show. "Victoria the Great" does not depend on these things on its success; in fact, the most noticeable features are clever directing and splendid acting by the players, especially by Anna Neagle in the main role, which calls for a mixture of gaiety and seriousness in the early part and dignity and restraint in the latter. She may appear a trifle affected in her manner as the young and imperious queen; but definitely no fault can be found with her portrayal of the aged queen who has seen her country rise from strength to strength—proud and gracious in turn, and always womanly enough to mourn the death of a husband whom she had learned to love and respect.

Anton Walbrook, as the Prince Consort, has a part which wins sympathy easily. First as a young German prince who is sent to England to "be looked over" by Victoria as a prospective husband, he is amusing, especially in his "love scenes" with the young queen; later, he is dignified and rather pathetic as the foreigner whose presence besides the throne is misunderstood and often misrepresented to the queen's subjects. The others in the cast are adequate. H. B. Warner as Lord Melbourne is particularly good.

The film moves along slowly and with dignity; which is as it should be as it deals with the life-story of a beloved sovereign who can still be remembered by many of the living.

Mr. Wilcox has adhered faithfully to historical facts in his presentation. The results are entirely worth while and a valuable contribution to the progress of British films.—M.R.A.

All British Mails Go By Air To S'pore

London, Feb. 24.

The despatch of all mails by air without surcharge to India, Burma and Malaya was begun yesterday when the Imperial Airways flying-boat Centurion left Southampton for Karachi with about five tons of mail.

All first class mails under Empire air routes as far as Singapore will henceforth be carried by air without surcharge and within a few months the scope of the scheme will be extended from Singapore to Australia.—British Wireless.

RECORD PASSENGER LOAD

A record number of passengers arrived here yesterday afternoon by the Pan American Airways Clipper from Manila and America. There were 24 passengers aboard the flying boat, which will leave this morning at 8 o'clock on her return flight.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Hongkong Benevolent Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, March 4, at 12 noon.

His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor will preside.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that on account of transfer to other duties the Power of Attorney issued to George Alfred Flynn, as District Manager for The Texas Company (China) Limited at Hong Kong has been cancelled and recalled.

Similar Power of Attorney has been issued to Bayard Craig Lawrence who has been appointed District Manager at Hong Kong to succeed George Alfred Flynn.

THE TEXAS COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.,

By: P. F. LE FEVRE,

Managing Director.

Hongkong, February 22nd, 1938.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, 11th March, 1938, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Friday, 4th March, 1938, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

Election of Officers and Committee.

Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

R. BALDWIN,

Hon. Secretary.

Those aboard the Clipper were: Messrs. Chen Shen-ling and Cheng Huang, teachers of Munsang College, Hongkong, returning from a trip to Manila; Ernest Schuster, Guo Sui-keng, Gail O'Donnell, Andrew Bouwer, local businessman returning from Manila; Timo Huger; Robert Young, of the local office of the Asiatic Petroleum Company; Cornelius and Mary Starr, Eugene McGhee, Juan Carrero, J. A. Duffell, Brock Park, of the Associated Underwriters; Urselene Valdez, Maria Mendoza, Rosario Mendoza, Jose da Costa, Alvaro Lopez, J. J. Lioy, Yee Yee, Nish Ming, Liot G. See, and Herbert Crane.

PREMIER DEFENDED

Simon Speaks On Eden's Resignation

London, Feb. 24.

Talks with Italy, the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden and the Commons vote of confidence in the Government were referred to in a speech at Birmingham last night by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon. In regard to the resignation of Mr. Eden, he expressed the hope that the loss of their brilliant man was only temporary. As to the cause of the resignation, he said the rest of the Cabinet had at no time been conscious of the existence of any such fundamental divergence of view between the Prime Minister and Mr. Eden as the words of the latter would suggest. They had all worked together throughout on terms of close cordiality and the broad objects of their policy were the objects of them all.

There was no difference whatever on the question of desirability of conversation with the Italian Government. The immediate issue was the question of place and time. His departure is a cause of the deepest regret and, to some, the cause is bewildering. But all knew that Mr. Eden acted with full deliberation and from the motives of the Government. The circumstances surrounding this most unexpected and lamentable event had been investigated by the debate, there was no doubt where the great bulk of the Government's supporters stood. Nothing contributed so much to clearing up the situation as the two speeches made by the Prime Minister on Tuesday night.

Mr. Chamberlain's policy would appeal to people in Britain because it was a positive policy. Justification for Mr. Chamberlain's view did not depend on the result of the conversations themselves. This was no wager as to whether in the end agreement would be reached with Italy or not. The question was whether it was right to open conversations, for only by opening such discussions could it be ascertained whether the disadvantages and dangers of the present situation could be remedied by other means.—British Wireless.

HALIFAX SEES KING

London, Feb. 24.

The King held Privy Council meeting this morning at Buckingham Palace at which Lord Halifax was present. After the meeting Lord Halifax had an audience of the King.—Reuter Bulletin.

TONE CHANGED

No Anti-British News From Italian Stations

Rome, Feb. 23.

Broadcasts in Arabic from Italian stations, which frequently contained attacks against Britain, have not yet been suspended, although the character of the programmes is likely to be changed.

No anti-British matter has been broadcast during the past three or four days.—Reuter Bulletin.

ITALY'S DEMANDS

Paris, Feb. 24.

Madame Tabouis, writing in L'Ouvrier, says that it is learned that Italy is demanding, firstly, naval parity with Britain in the Mediterranean and, secondly, the right to control her international foothold in the Balearic Islands for many years to come, though offering perhaps not to install herself there alone. Finally she wants a loan of £30,000,000.

She concludes, "The Anglo-Italian negotiations look as though they will be more difficult than could be expected."—Reuter.

UPROAR IN DIET

Hirota Explain Aims Of New Bill

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Owing to the indisposition of the Premier, Prince Konoye, the Foreign Minister this afternoon explained in the Lower House the circumstances leading to the presentation of the highly controversial National Mobilization Bill to the Diet.

Mr. Hirota declared that it would enable effective attainment of the objective of war time through the concerted assistance of the entire nation.

Mr. Takano Saito, an authority on the Japanese constitution, declared that the Bill was devised to inflict serious restriction during war time or incident on the lives, properties and liberties of the Japanese nation. Therefore most present examination of the Bill was especially whether the Bill does not conflict with operation of the constitution, particularly Article 31.

Mr. Saito stressed that, once the Bill was passed, national mobilization was enforceable by ordinance and intervention of the Diet was not permitted. He warned the Government not to act arbitrarily.

Mr. Takai, President of the Planning Board, took the rostrum to reply when an outcry arose from members that a State Minister should answer Mr. Saito. The uproar was such that the sitting had to be suspended.—Reuter.

RAIDS IN ARABIA

Air Force Planes Used Against Tribes

London, Feb. 24.

The Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, replying to a question in the Commons regarding the activities of the British Air Force in Southern Arabia, declared that during the past year the Royal Air Force stationed at Aden was used for normal training and patrol duty. There were eight occasions on which planes were used against tribes following serious crimes. After the operations the tribes returned to submission. On three occasions demonstrations only were necessary, but on the other five occasions bombing took place after sufficient notice had been given for the villages to leave and the villages were subsequently bombed.—Reuter Bulletin.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday says:

Market continues to rule very firm generally, and in some stocks prices show a fair advance. Banks have buyers at \$1,575. Unions at \$510 and Lights (Old) at \$113. Business was reported in Docks at \$29.4. Electric at \$90. Realities at \$5.60 and Hotels at \$6.70.

Hongkong Banks \$1,575 cum. div.
Bank of East Asia \$53
Canton Insurance \$50
Colon Insurance \$50.75
Underwriters \$1.40
H.K. Pines \$1.40
Canton Waterworks \$9.30
H.K. Wharves \$12.85
H.K. Docks \$2.75
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Provident (New) \$5.60
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Benevolent Society Had Busy Year

Government Grant Increased
Annual Report Of Activities

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room on Friday, March 4, at noon. Sir Atholl MacGregor will preside.

The annual report of the Society states:

This has been a very busy year for the Society. As the following figures will show, the expenses under some headings have increased.

Expenditure	1934	1935	1936	1937
Relief	7,547.53	8,155.14	8,451.53	9,704.53
Milk	171.00	345.53	325.13	236.50
Passages	115.00	2,072.50	895.40	509.00
Rent	531.30	672.50	618.50	1,142.00
Education	3,483.41	4,790.33	4,871.53	5,405.70

Once again we have been able to meet the increased demands on our resources. During the year we received generous contributions from many clubs and associations, also, the usual Government Grant was increased from \$3,500 to \$4,000 by the General Charities Organization. Miss Violet Capell's contribution of \$240 from her dancing display was the only entertainment donation, and we feel very grateful for her loyal support.

However, on December first we were confronted with a badly depleted treasury and the disconcerting realization that unless very substantial help was received we would be unable to pay the usual monthly allowances or meet emergencies. Something had to be done—and so appeals were sent all over the Colony, by Radio and letters to the Press, to individuals and to firms. The response was so spontaneous and generous, we could almost forget our anxiety and hard work—for we could finish 1937 with a balance large enough to carry along until the 1938 Government Grant arrives in late April or early May.

The heaviest expenditure has been on Education and has been increased this year by \$1,000. The Committee feel that this is constructive work, and of far more lasting use than

casual relief. It must, however, be borne in mind that, to be of real use, the education of a child must go on for several years. At the present time, the Society is helping to educate 37 children in the following schools, the directors of which have our sincere gratitude for the concessions which they have made in the matter of fees: The Diocesan Boys' School, The Diocesan Girls' School, St. Joseph's College, The Canossian Institute, La Salle College, St. Mary's School, St. Louis Industrial School, The Maryknoll School, St. Paul's Institution and French Convent.

Relief Expenditure
This year there were 79 new cases and many old ones returned. The amount spent for Relief is larger than usual, probably due to increased lack of employment, and the fact that we now get cases which formerly were cared for by the General Charities Organization. In this connection, the Benevolent Society feels keenly the loss of Mr. T. A. Mitchell, keenly the splendid work in that organization, and was always so willing to give us his time and helpful advice. He was our greatest aid in finding work for the unemployed—one phase of the work which is becoming more and more difficult.

Amidst the numerous things which come under this heading, such as hospital expenses; provision for young children where the mother has to go into hospital; fresh milk delivered daily from the Dairy Farm to needy families; false teeth; cod liver oil and malt; and of course many cases of real hunger where a few dollars are given at once while the case is being investigated.

The room which the Society maintains in Kowloon as a lodging for destitute women and children has again been almost continually occupied, and has at times, provided shelter for two families at a time.

We should like to point out that the whole of the funds entrusted to the Society have been dispensed in benevolent work with the exception of the sum of \$350.50, which has been spent on printing, postage, necessary additions and repairs to the furniture in our room, and the payment of the wages of two coolies—the latter amounting to \$7.00 per month.

Scandinavian Refugees
The number of people who appeal to us for clothes, without asking for financial assistance, continues to increase. Also, this year we assisted in supplying clothing for the Scandinavian refugees. We are very grateful to those who responded so generously to our appeal for clothes, both by sending clothes and by donations for the purchase of warm woollies. This year we have

continued the practice, begun last year by an anonymous donor, of supplying shoes for children. When there are none in our cupboard to fit, we give instead a gift to a local firm where the child is fitted to suitable shoes.

At the Benevolent room, 11 Ice House Street, we receive gifts of clothing on Monday and Thursday mornings. For the convenience of Kowloon residents, the Y.M.C.A. very kindly allow us to use their club as a collecting depot, and Messrs. Kayamally & Co. also very kindly receive parcels for us in Hongkong.

During the year a male Committee was formed of representatives of various organisations to co-operate with the Committee of our Society. Due to numerous departures of members this Committee was disbanded for the summer, and since then, because of unsettled conditions, it has not been re-organised. It is hoped this will be accomplished within the coming year.

The Christmas dinners this year were given on a much larger scale than ever before. More than fifty dinners, complete with cooked meat or chicken, groceries, vegetables, butter, jam, fruit, and pudding—also, smaller parcels of food to the single pensioners on our books—were distributed on Christmas Eve; also toys, warm clothing, and other gifts.

Thanks to Helpers
The Committee wishes to include special thanks to all who so generously gave us gifts of money, tinned foods, blankets and toys and to the Hongkong Hotel Management for so kindly preparing the cooked meats, etc.

The work of the Society depends very largely on regular subscriptions and donations, and to those who have helped us in this way our deepest gratitude is due. We would like to convey our appreciation and thanks to all those who have honoured the Society with "In Memoriam" donations, and we are very grateful to the following for their invaluable assistance: the Hongkong Government, the St. George's Society, the St. Andrew's Society, the St. Patrick's Society, various Clubs and Associations who have made generous grants; the V.D.M.A. and the Cathedral Christmas Tree who helped with toys and food at Christmas; the Police for their willing co-operation and advice; the charitable organisations who have collaborated in many of our cases; all those who have helped us with gifts of clothing, and with money with which to buy clothes. Mr. Hampden Ross for so kindly auditing the accounts, and the Press for the privileges they have allowed us.

PRESS ASSAILS HITLER

Strange Views Upon "Culture And Humanity"

CHINESE SLAIN

Hankow, Feb. 24. The very influential Chinese daily paper, the Ta Kung Pao, in an editorial to-day demanded that Herr Adolf Hitler give a satisfactory explanation of the phrase, "culture and humanity" in his announcement, "I regard Japan as an element of security with regard to culture and humanity."

The Ta Kung Pao angrily and impatiently states that "Japanese troops have killed hundreds of thousands in Nanking alone, even disarmed soldiers. Does Hitler explain security and humanity with these facts? Japanese troops rape and kill women everywhere, while European warriors traditionally respect women. The Japanese troops loot every village under their occupation. Does Hitler mean that all these facts indicate that Japan is an element of security for culture and humanity?"

Primarily Hitler furnished new explanations for culture and humanity, which are different from those given by German philosophers of the past. We want to tell Hitler we Chinese are not angry at Germany's recognition of Manchukuo, but we cannot help being impatient with Hitler's ridiculous statements eulogising the Japanese. Furthermore, Hitler's anti-Bolshevik crusade, Japan never fought the Bolsheviks, but is fighting China and has killed innocent Chinese.

ASKS A QUESTION
The paper continues: "We want to ask the world's great man Hitler: Do you consider that those actions of the Japanese troops are for the security of culture and humanity? If you still have a conscience you should not have said so. If you insist upon saying so then we get the new explanations in the German language for the terms, culture and humanity. "Japan is killing innocent Chinese people who have never understood what Bolshevism is and the killing cannot be said to be an anti-Communist action. Is Japan conducting an anti-Communist campaign when it is sending millions of Chinese homeless and starving? If Hitler wants to help Japan, go ahead, but please don't use such phrases as culture and humanity. Japan's military campaign to conquer China is not an anti-Bolshevik campaign. Hitler should not ignore the honour of the Chinese people like that. We regret the traditional fame of German culture."—United Press.

POLICY EXPLORED
Hankow, Feb. 24. The insincere foreign policy of Germany towards China was greatly deplored by the Shanghai Federation of Cultural Organizations in a manifesto issued to-day in regard to Herr Hitler's announcement of the recognition of Manchukuo.

The Reich's latest move, the declaration averred, is only the action of the Nazi Party and cannot represent the true attitude of the German people towards China. This action, it predicted, will eventually have far-reaching effect on European civilisation, as it serves as a camouflage for Germany's ambition to annex Spain, Austria and the Balkan states.

"We," it declared, "will never recognize that the Northeastern provinces have been detached from China and will urge our Government to redouble its efforts in the resistance against Japanese invasion so as to regain all lost territories."—Central News.

40 Japanese Planes Lost At Taihoku

Chinese Aviators Report Success Of Daring Raid

Test Flight To Tokyo

Hankow, Feb. 24.

The Chinese air raid on Taihoku, Formosa, yesterday afternoon was officially announced by the Chinese military aviation headquarters late last night.

Taking advantage of the fine weather, several squadrons of Chinese planes, it was stated, flew to Taihoku to bomb the Japanese air base there. Arriving at their destination, the Chinese airmen sighted some forty Japanese planes on the airfield, where several gasoline storerooms are also situated. They rained scores of bombs on these objectives, and saw immediately huge fires bursting up from below.

The raid, which lasted about 20 minutes, took the Japanese entirely by surprise. After the raid, the Chinese raiders circled over the airfield trying to ascertain the extent of damage, but, as it was then entirely obscured by fire and smoke, they were unable to do so.

All Chinese planes returned to their bases safely.—Central News.

REPRISAL EXPECTED

Hankow, Feb. 24.

Early Japanese reprisal for the Chinese air raid on Formosa yesterday is predicted as a result of a Japanese scouting plane visiting Hankow this morning, circling high above the aerodrome and taking pictures. The plane, which was flying at a high altitude, escaped notice by the observation posts en route here, but three Chinese pursuit planes quickly went up when its presence was discovered.

According to the Chinese pilots who participated in yesterday's visit to Formosa, altogether 21 Chinese bombers engaged in the raid. Before bombing the Chinese planes circled above the aerodrome to observe the whereabouts of the Japanese planes and hangars, also if there were Japanese planes in the air or A.A. batteries on the ground.

Apparently the raid was a complete surprise, for throughout the visit not a single A.A. gun fired nor did a single plane take to the air. The Chinese saw dense columns of smoke issuing from the airfield where it is stated that at least 40 Japanese planes were destroyed and the hangars set on fire.—Reuter.

AVIATORS REWARDED

Hankow, Feb. 24.


Flying officers who took part in the aerial bombing of Formosa will be commended for their gallantry.

A check-up of the raid showed that about 40 Japanese warplanes were destroyed—the loss being estimated at \$30,000,000. The wireless station near the airfield was completely demolished.—International.

HANKOW FEARS

Hankow, Feb. 24.

Mild apprehension was felt as a result of a crop of unconfirmed rumours circulating in Hankow today, the most alarming of which

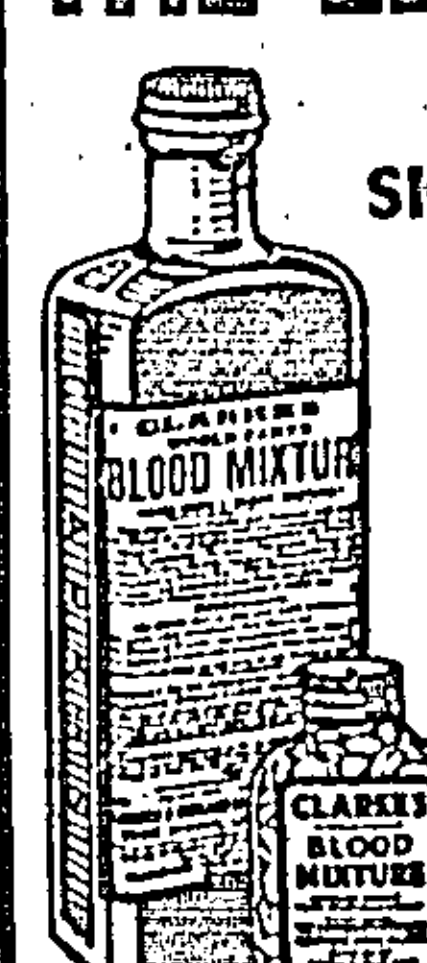


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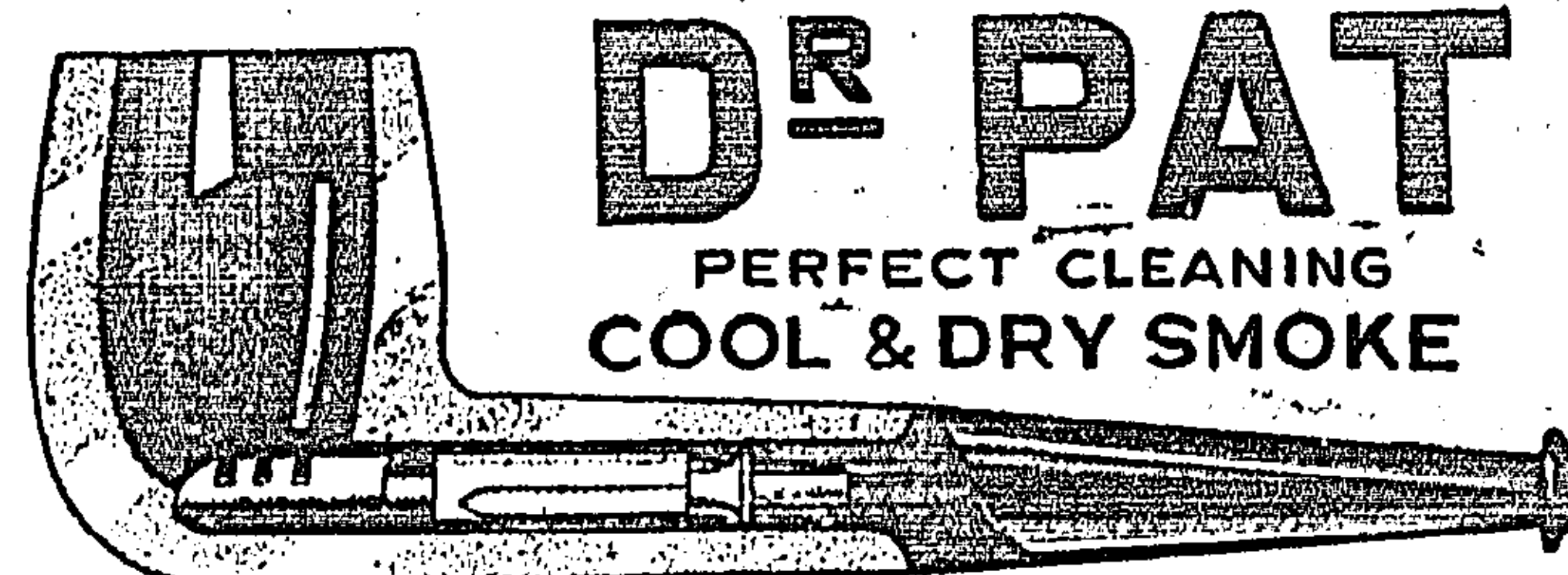
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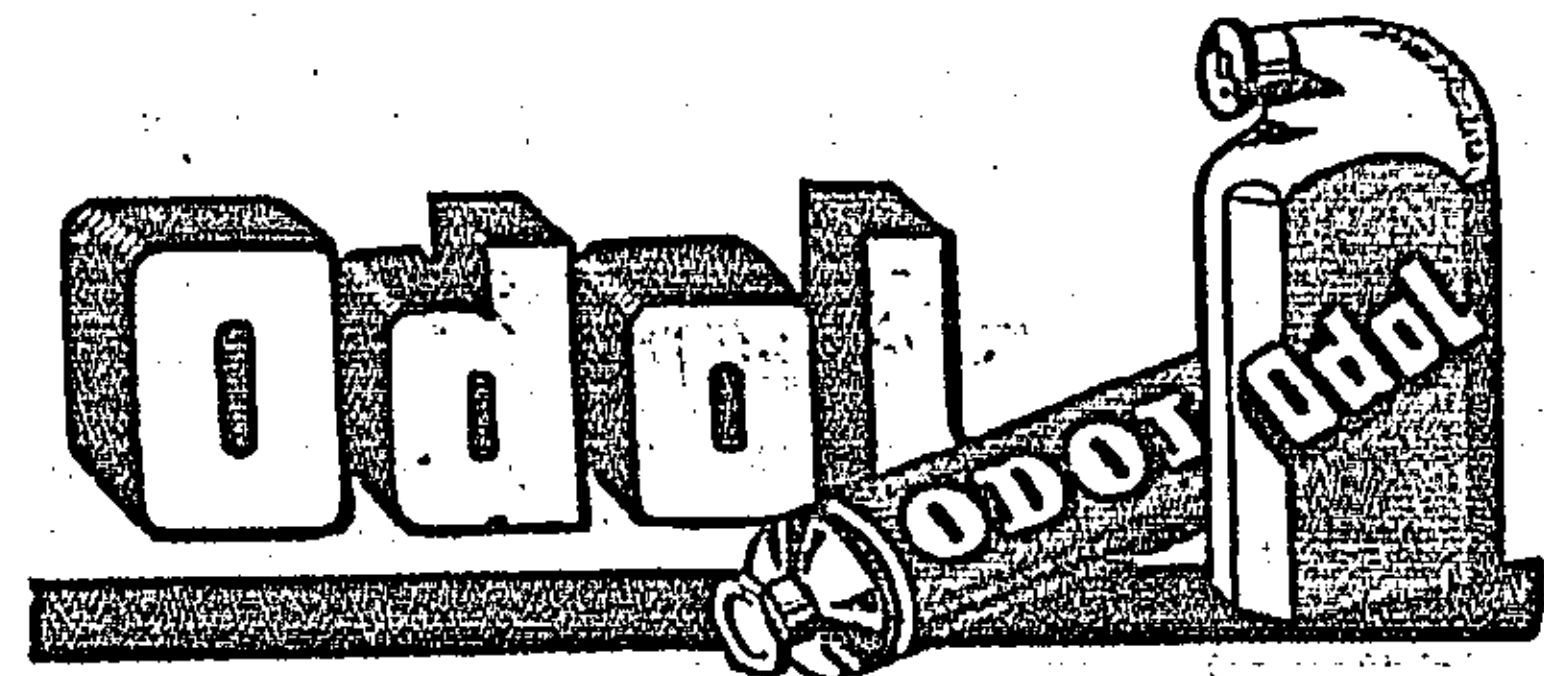
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PUBLIC STILL GUESSING

Whether he has done it deliberately or not, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has indirectly offered a further explanation for the action of Mr. Anthony Eden in resigning from the office of Foreign Secretary. He has frankly declared that the League of Nations cannot be depended upon to preserve the peace of the world or the security of any nation, large or small. The implication is that the former Foreign Secretary quarrelled with this assumption. And since Mr. Eden himself has said that his disagreement went beyond the matter of the Anglo-Italian conversations, and was concerned with the fundamental principles of foreign policy, it is quite possible that this is the true explanation of the Cabinet split. However, this is still conjecture. The clear reasons for Mr. Eden's disturbing action, for some reason or other, have not been brought forward. One naturally wonders why. The British public is left to guess.

Mr. Lloyd George's probing questions in the House of Commons, and the characteristic charge that the Prime Minister had done something not quite fair in dealing with Mr. Eden's case, give an indication of the suspicions that exist in some quarters that Mr. Eden's resignation was not wholly of his own seeking. The suggestion is that Mr. Chamberlain, in spite of his friendly regrets which followed Mr. Eden's decision to resign, was anxious to get rid of his Foreign Secretary. It would appear that the Prime Minister realised that as long as Mr. Eden remained in office the success of negotiations with Italy, and possibly with Germany, would be jeopardised. Thus the Labour charge that Mr. Eden's resignation is a victory for the dictators of Europe is explained.

Mr. Lloyd George charged that Mr. Chamberlain was aware, on Sunday, that the Italian Government would agree to the British formula in connection with the proposed conversations, aimed at a general appeasement. He suggested that the Prime Minister did not communicate this information to Mr. Eden. Mr. Chamberlain declared he had given the facts to the Cabinet. Mr. Eden rose in the House to say that as long as he was in office he had not been informed of the Italian communication. This exchange leaves an unpleasant doubt in the minds of those who admire Mr. Chamberlain and sympathise with Mr. Eden.

Did Mr. Chamberlain yield to pressure, directly or indirectly brought to bear from abroad? Perhaps it does not matter very much; though it would be interesting to know the truth.

What is certain is that the Prime Minister is following a course which he believes will appease Europe, even though by his manoeuvres Britain has already lost a great Foreign Secretary, and may lose something more.

Mr. Chamberlain probably justifies his actions with the contention that peace, if it can be won, is worth much greater sacrifice. Unfortunately it is by no means certain that appeasement is the right way to permanent security. It too frequently requires retreat and may involve surrender. It may be good enough for the protection of one generation. But what about the next? There is a limit to compromise. Mr. Chamberlain has something bigger than England and a general election to remember. He is largely responsible for an Empire of several hundred millions, and its future.

And now Hollywood has got the Jitters

by
PAUL HOLT

CRISIS, like a monstrous crow, flies up and hides the sky in Hollywood.

Yesterday, the sun was shining, every one boasted of million dollar grosses; to-day, it's black, men talk in whispers and pass on rumours.

They know crisis in Hollywood. The scandal crisis. Talkies. The Great Depression. But this one beats them all. I have a cable on the table; a phrase stands out—ONLY OSTRICHES HERE DENY IT.

This is what's happening in Hollywood to-day.

There's a major box-office slump. 1937 stars, pictures, aren't drawing as they should.

The foreign market, on which producers depend for 5d. in their shilling, is vanishing like summer snow. Britain, worth £10,000,000 a year, threatens to take that profit away.

Costs skyrocket. An example. In 1912 they made "The Prisoner of Zenda" and paid out £2,400. The star, James K. Hackett, got £500.

This year, they make the story again, and pay out something like £320,000. The star, Ronald Colman, gets £30,000.

Trade unions adopt a dictator attitude. William Boff, mouth-piece of labour boss George Browne, boasts that their organisation has cost the producers £1,200,000 a year since they started.

Pat Casey, hired by the producers as their go-between with labour, admits that his yearly salary is £17,500. Minimum wage for studio workers is 7s. an hour; average is £4 a day.

SO what? you say (having acquired the expression "film-going"). How does that affect me? I cannot see how Hollywood's domestic problems are my worry too.

Let me try again. The slump is one. The panic is approaching peak. The old hands are saying they've never seen anything like it in the quarter-century history of the place. (It's just like pub talk of the black frost of 1897.) At once, a desperate economy wave is started. A few more facts of the moment:—

Most 1938 epics, planned to cost £250,000 to £500,000, are cancelled.

The Warner Brothers start the ball rolling. Jack Warner, to whom I was talking a fortnight ago at Teddington, hurries home with bad news from Europe.

It's too late for him to shave budgets on "Robin Hood," with Errol Flynn, or "Hollywood Hotel," a radio-musical, or "Gold is Where You Find It" (all pegged at the £200,000 mark), but

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he stops all future plans and takes quite a slice off Miss Carole Lombard's "Scandal," due to start this week.

World's greatest film studio, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, acts too. Norma Shearer's comeback film, "Marie Antoinette," is allowed to go ahead with a budget of £400,000.

This may be due to sentiment, a last tribute to her husband, Irving Thalberg, the greatest producer Hollywood has known; it may be due to the fact that Miss Shearer is a large stockholder. I suspect the former. All other films are stopped and trimmed.

THE great studios stop work while executives fly to the coast and argue—men with names like Nate Blumberg, Phil Reisman, Barney Balaban, Leo Spits... grand old Hollywood names. They book berths on transcontinental planes and fly west to catch the crisis young.

Again, do I hear a customer say, So what? There are films to be made to keep the cinemas open. There are the stars to make them. The man power's still there, and the demand. How can I suffer?

This way, sir. They've been existing for a year past out there on borrowed star-power. Ronald Colman, Carole Lombard, Claudette Colbert have been bartered between studios at fantastic prices. There aren't enough money-making names to go round.

There aren't enough stories to go round, either; so that you find adult producers playing swops... one "Hunchback of Notre Dame" is worth one Robert Montgomery and £25,000. Frantic, they are, to get new twists, new money-making combinations.

Are you going to like Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer together? You'd better; they cost her. Warners, who team them in "Tovarich," £50,000, and the story cost £30,000 more. Perhaps you are a simple soul, like me, and are content just with Claudette Colbert or Charles Boyer; but they don't trust us any more. Hence "Tovarich" costs £300,000. Hence the crisis.

I HAVE a friend in Hollywood (who hasn't, it is the most friendly town when business is good) and he has been sending me some figures. Dull things they are, figures, to be sure unless they are big enough, and these are more than big...

There are eighty-eight companies making films there; eight big fleas, eighty little fleas upon their backs. In the past year, June 1936 to June 1937, they turned out 588 feature pictures which cost them just about £33,000,000 to make.

Man power totalled 28,000 workers on a weekly wage in the studios and that weekly wage came to £335,000. Multiply that by forty (that's the average working year out there; they have a twelve weeks' holiday, mostly without pay) and you get an annual wage bill of £14,200,000.

Probably higher. When Winfield Sheehan was boss of Fox and making pictures like "Seventh Heaven," "What Price Glory?" and "Cavalcade" he reckoned to spend not more than £2,750,000 a year on forty-eight pictures. Now, he says, the price of that number of pictures is more than double.

I AGREE: I'm tired of figures too. Let us play a game.

Pick a picture. No, no, any picture; I don't want to force one on you. "Lost Horizon," "High, Wide and Handsome," "The Garden of Allah." Yes, "The Garden of Allah," that will do nicely. It illustrates nearly every detail of the problem, while offending wildly in none.

"The Garden of Allah" is made by David Selznick with borrowed stars. First he borrows Merle Oberon from Sam Goldwyn; then he borrows Charles Boyer. Then he decides quite rightly, that Merle Oberon and Charles Boyer are not ideal romantic foils, in that the picture is planned in colour, and both are dark. So he asks Miss Oberon to excuse him and hires Marlene Dietrich.

At which Miss Oberon says, but politely, "Oh! You can't do things like that. Whatever may be the reason, it's going to look to the great big world as if I'm not suitable to colour films. And that, Mr. Selznick, is less than the truth." At which she sues him. And he pays her a lot of money.

So, Mrs. Dietrich, who is a good traffic holder-upper, but a better business woman, reflects to herself—If this Selznick is not only willing to pay Miss Oberon all that money NOT to appear in this picture, so that I may end, in addition, will hire me away from my own company, it must be worth more to him that I SHOULD act in his photoplay than that Miss Oberon should not.

And she asks plenty. And, knowing that her price for "Knight Without Armour" is £70,000 and then some, and that she asks Herbert Wilcox enough to cover £80,000 to be Madame Tussaud, I feel I am being reticent in putting her price to Mr. Selznick at £60,000.

Now if you were Mr. Boyer and saw all this going on, what would you do about it? Mind you, I'm not saying he did it; I'm just putting myself in his place.

Add to which the fact that "The Garden of Allah" is an old story and therefore needs rewriting more than a new story (don't ask me why) and that it is a desert "location job" and in colour, and you may join me in understanding why this film cost a quarter of a million, instead of £100,000. Mr. Mayer will make a profit of £250,000, but not such a big profit as it would make at £100,000.

POSTSCRIPT: I feel that all this has been a bit depressing. So here is a man on the telephone to say that M.G.-M. have bought the screen rights of the London play hit "Balalaika," that Nelson Eddy and a new Hungarian song-bird Ilona Masarie will lead, supported by Roy Bolger and Edna May Oliver. That, if I like, I can fix the purchase price somewhere between £25,000 and £30,000.

I like to finish on a happy note.

THE "VERY IDEA"

Ed. Kelly As Has The Jitters (See Above)

By Eddie Kelly, Crawler

SPEAKING of marriage reminds us that Hongkong has never had a "Be Kind to Worms" week.

We know a man who was so cruel to worms that the Magistrate sent him to prison for a week. He used to put a worm's tail in his mouth and watch it swallow itself.

And to think that that man was once an innocent little babe, lounging about on his mother's knee!

As for us, we can any with a certain amount of pride that we have never had worms.

There are two kinds of worms. Long worms and short worms.

The long worms are distinguished from the short worms, because the head of the short worm is invariably closer to the tail than the head of the long worm.

It has long puzzled scientists how the worm finds a hole to fit in.

Nature in its awful wisdom has provided holes of various sizes in Hongkong. All the worm has to do is to tramp about until he finds a hole to fit in.

The grub is very close to the worm, and can quite easily be mistaken for a worm by anyone who has never seen a worm.

The only difference between the two is that one has more legs, and more hair on its chest, than the other. The grub is also better upholstered.

Some grubs may be found underneath logs, although how the devil the little chaps balance these great, big trees has got us puzzled.

We cannot speak with any authority, but we presume that the grub lies on its back and then pulls the log over itself.

The centipede is really an armour-plated worm, equipped with a knife and fork at one end.

It has an inextinguishable number of legs, and how it keeps in step? We won't bother about trying to explain that. Once you start thinking about such things, you go mad, and run round in circles barking like a dog.

PROPHETS OF DOOM

A FAVOURITE device of those gloomy prophets who foretell the doom of our present civilisation is to create the lone figure of some tourist from another part of the world who gazes sorrowfully on all that is left of our once great age.

This "lone tourist" has quite a long and respectable literary pedigree. The example which comes most readily to mind being Macaulay's "New Zealander." Macaulay concludes a fine rhetorical passage on Burke's "History of the Popes" as follows:—

And she (the Church) may still exist in undiminished vigour: when some traveller from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London Bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's."

Although Macaulay's "New Zealander" achieved wide popularity, the idea was by no means new. This picture of a solitary stranger sadly gazing on the ruins of the civilisation we know and think so permanent has exercised a strong fascination over many writers.

Transatlantic Commentator

Shelley, for example, in dedicating "Peter Bell the Third" to Thomas Moore writes:—

"In the firm expectation that when London shall be a habitation of blitheness, when St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey shall stand simple and nameless ruins in the midst of an unpeopled marsh, when the piers of Westminster Bridge shall become the nuclei of islets of reeds and osiers and cast the jagged shadows of their

broken arches on the solitary stream, some Transatlantic commentator &c."

Horace Walpole, in a letter to Sir Horace Mann in 1774, says:—

"For my part, I take Europe to be worn out. When Voltaire dies we may say, 'Good-night.' The next Augustan age will dawn on the other side of the Atlantic. There will perhaps be a Thucydides at Boston, a Xenophon at New York, and, in time, a Virgil at Mexico, and a Newton at Peru. At last some curious traveller from Lima will visit England and give a description of the ruins of St. Paul's like the editions of Baulbec and Palmyra."

Readers to-day will find these 150-years-old references to Europe being played out oddly familiar, and perhaps even comforting. For what has survived the gloomy forebodings of so many prophets, may perhaps survive even anticipations of Mr. H. G. Wells.

Goldsmith's Dream

Goldsmith, also, in his "Citizen of the World," refers to London fading away some day, and, again, "The sorrowful traveller wanders over the awful ruins."

Nowadays, of course, this solitary surveyor of our ruined civilisation comes from another planet, New Zealand, Lima, and other Transatlantic places being much less remote than they were. The use of this melancholy observer, no doubt, fulfils its purpose of "giving us into some sort of realisation of the evils of our time, but one cannot help feeling that the writers seem to enjoy depicting our future downfall and describe the particulars with unpardonable gusto! B. B. M.

Britain Prepares Planes For Record

SINGAPORE MAY BE ONLY STOP ON FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA

GIVEN suitable conditions, the aeroplanes, which are to attempt to regain the world's long distance record for Britain, should easily reach Singapore from England after a journey of about 50 hours, going by way of the "Imperial" route of 7,300 miles. A second non-stop stage of approximately 4,500 miles, would bring the aircraft to Sydney, says the United Services Review.

EMPIRE NEWS

BRITISH MIGRANTS FROM AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The Federal Government is concerned at the latest population figures. These show that despite the prevailing prosperity, emigration of persons of British origin in the nine months ended December 31 exceeded British immigration by 4,142.

There had been a net loss of 25,000 persons of British blood in the previous seven years, and the Cabinet sub-committee dealing with the matter proposes not to wait for the co-operation of the State Governments in the encouragement of British immigration.

The following types are required: Boys for farm schools; domestic; persons nominated by residents who are prepared to guarantee them jobs; and certain skilled workers granted assisted passages, the cost of which will be shared by the British and the Federal Governments.

Stock Exchange Prices.—The Australian Stock Exchange reopened after the holidays with a good tone and a small turnover. Contrary to expectations prices did not yield to overseas weakness and easier wool prices. Basic metal stocks were definitely weaker despite the announced increase of from 5s. to 20s. per ton in local steel prices.

Bank Clearances.—There was a remarkable reflection of prosperity in the Sydney Bank clearances. The figures for 1937 were £108,500,000 above those for 1936, which were the highest since 1920. Other States besides New South Wales also show increases in bank clearances. Unemployment now stands at a record low figure.

Infantile Paralysis.—A Royal Commission of five doctors appointed by the Queensland Government to investigate the method of treating infantile paralysis evolved by Sister Elizabeth Kenny's method was tried by the L.C.C. in July, and she was invited in December to visit Victoria, where there are now over 1,400 cases.—Exchange.

Dame Enid Lyons, wife of the Federal Prime Minister, has been left £2,500 by Sir John Higgins, who died at Melbourne in October. From 1921 to 1926 Sir John was chairman of the British-Australian Wool Realisation Association, and his will states that the bequest is made in appreciation of Mr. Lyons' "eminent service to Australia."—Reuter.

INDIA

PROHIBITION IN THE UNITED PROVINCES

Calcutta. Warned by the prohibition difficulties of Madras, such as smuggling and loss of revenue, the United Provinces Government is approaching the problem warily. At the outset there will be State control only, intoxicants being sold in sealed bottles by Government agents. Total prohibition was introduced in the Salem district of Madras last July.

Cyclone Loss of Life.—A communique, announcing relief measures following the cyclone which struck Bengal on October 15, states that 36 lives were lost.

SOUTH AFRICA

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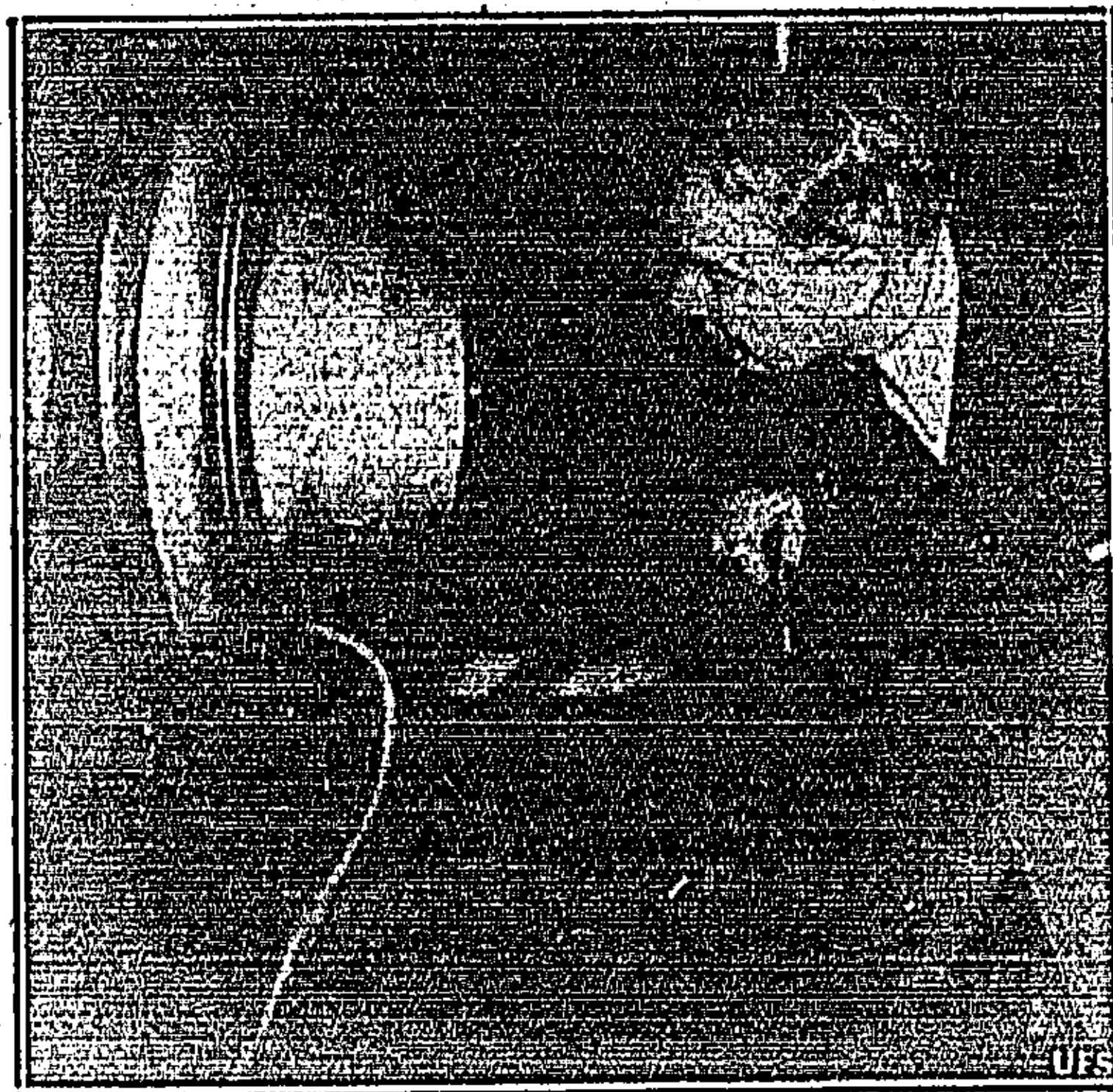
Capetown. The number of new motor-cars licensed in South Africa during October—the last month for which figures are available—averaged 140 a day.

Petersburg motor traders have decided in future to sell petrol for cash only. This practice is likely to spread, for, with a profit limited to 2d. a gallon, traders are finding it uneconomical to sell petrol on credit.

Unexpected Snow.—After a hot New Year week-end, the weather has turned wintry. Snow has fallen in the Hex River mountains—an unheard-of occurrence at this time of the year.

STADIUM TO SEAT 405,000

Berlin. Within five years Germany probably will have the largest stadium in the world, with a capacity of 405,000 people. It will be the Deutsche Stadium at Nuremberg, for which Hitler laid the cornerstone during the recent Nazi conference.



FACES GUN, DOESN'T FLINCH—Grasping his trusty umbrella, here is the Hon. L. Horre-Bellish, Minister for War, as he looks unflinchingly down the bore of a huge new gun in process at the Woolwich Arsenal in England. Great Britain is bringing her defence armament up to the minute with all speed possible.

Queen Mary To Honour Marie Tempest

QUEEN MARY is to be present at the Haymarket Theatre on Wednesday, when Dame Marie Tempest will appear in the first night of the play "Mary Goes To Sea."

This is one of the greatest honours ever paid to an actor or actress in modern times.

Mr. Alec Hec, who is presenting the play, which is by Rosemary Casey and E. Iden Payne, and Mr. Stuart Watson of the Haymarket Theatre, are handing over the whole proceeds of the first performance to such charities as Her Majesty may select. The seats will be at ordinary West End prices.

It will be recalled that King George V and Queen Mary attended the Marie Tempest Jubilee matinee at Drury Lane Theatre, on May 20, 1935. On that occasion they received Dame Marie and recalled some of the plays in which they had seen her act.

A MODERN COMEDY.—When Dame Marie gave the Daily Telegraph the news she said she was overwhelmed with pleasure at the great honour that Queen Mary was paying her. "It is delightful that it should occur at the Haymarket, which I look upon as my spiritual home," she said.

"Mary Goes to Sea" is a modern comedy. After a prologue in England, the scene is an old country house in Connecticut.

Dame Marie plays Mary, who goes on a visit to her brother, married to an American woman. Other important parts in the play are being taken by Barry Jones, Gladys Hanson, Mary Hinton and Campbell Gullan.

HE KNOWS HE WILL DIE SOON

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 15.

Thomas Lloyd, his body so frail that a sudden turn might cause a multiple bone fracture, said he would "fight it out" when his physician told him that a rare bone disease would take his life within three years.

"I'm too young to die, I can't give up. I'll fight this to the end," Lloyd, 35-year-old father of three sons, told Dr. G. M. Stevenson, who said there was no known cure for the bone-rotting disease from which he suffers.

Lloyd, an electrician in a large rubber plant was stricken eight weeks ago while he and his family attended a performance by a magician.

By strange coincidence, the first symptom followed by only a few minutes an act in which the magician looked with an x-ray apparatus through a woman's body, explaining the different bones.

As the family group left the show Lloyd suddenly stopped. "That show must be affecting me," he said. "My right foot goes sideways instead of straight."

He walked ahead so his wife could watch. He could not seem to make the foot go straight.

Several days later, his right eye did not focus properly. Then his right hand and arm refused to obey. He tried to raise his hand to his mouth, but he could get only as far as the shoulder.

Dr. Stevenson told Lloyd that he had contracted the rarest of bone diseases—multiple myeloma—an affliction which slowly destroys the marrow of the bone, leaving the outer shell to grow soft and finally to dissolve altogether.

"There is no cure," the physician told the bewildered father. "The disease acts like a cancer. A cure for cancer probably would result in a cure for it, however."

If the disease went to its ultimate conclusion, according to Dr. Stevenson, the bones literally would vanish from the body.

"But," he added, "the victims don't last that long."—United Press.

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RADIO BROADCAST

Talk by Colonel Irwin On The "Black-Out"

ITEMS FROM THE STUDIO

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZHW on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s., 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

1.20-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor). Un Violon Dans La Nuit (Bisio, Varna, Marc-Cab); La Serenade (Lena, Scott, Varna, Marc-Cab); O Corde Ile D'Amour (Roger-Scott).

12.40 Orchestre Raymond. Delibes In Vienna (arr. Walter); Only A Rose (from The Vagabond King); Song Of The Vagabonds (from The Vagabond King); The Dancing Clock (Ewing); Poupee Valentine (Poldini).

1.0 Time and Weather. 1.03 Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole For Violin And Orchestra, Op. 21. Played by Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements. 1.40 Sea Shanties.

Sung by the Portsmouth Royal Naval Singers conducted by C. T. Lee, B.Sc., R.N.

1.50 Webster Booth (Tenor) and Frances Day (Soprano).

'Home And Beauty' (C. B. Cochran's Coronation Revue)... Webster Booth with Magda Neel and Janet Lind; Stay With Me For Ever (Giuditta—Lehar); Vienna, City Of My Dreams (Siczyński)... Webster Booth; Me And My Dog (film Public Nuisance No. 1—Ellis); Swing (film Public Nuisance No. 1—Ellis).... Frances Day.

2.15 Close down. 6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme. 7.0 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Toodle-OO. Throwing Pennants To The Moon... Brian Lawrence & His Landowne Orchestra; Tangle—Firestorm; Moonlight On The Rio Grande... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Caravan; I'm Feelin' Like a Million (film 'Broadway Melody Of 1938')... Nat Gonella & His Georgians; Waltz—If You Only Knew (from Crest of the Wave)... Quincey Harty; Why Isn't It Your (from 'Crest of the Wave')... Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra; Fox-Trot—So Rare... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.25 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.30 London Relay—Food for Thought.

Short talks on matters of topical interest. 7.50 Studio—Colonel Irwin, B.Sc., M.C., C.A.B. 1; a talk on 'Black Out'.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements. 8.05 Studio—Recital by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with The Very Rev. Father Riganli at the Piano.

1. Son Pochi Fiori (L'Amico Fritz—Mascagni); 2. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn); 3. The Lotus Flower (Schumann)... Elvie Yuen; 4. Blumenstück, Op. 19 (Schumann)... Elvie Yuen; 5. In quelle trine morbide (Mancini—Lecchi); 6. Ebbene? No andro lontana (La Wally—Catalani)... Elvie Yuen.

8.25 Russian Programme with Ruth Litvin (Piano) from the Studio.

Dobruushka (arr. Rimsky-Korsakov); Polovtsi March ('Prince Igor'—Borodin)... London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Albert Coates; Song Of Prince Galitsky ('Prince Igor'—Borodin); In The Town Of Kasan (Boris Godunov—Moussorgsky)... Theodore Chailapine (Bass); The Lark (Glinka—Balakireff); Serenade (Borodin); Doumka—Russian rustic scene (Tchakovsky)... Ruth Litvin from the Studio; Islamey—Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff, arr. Casella).... New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens; Musical Box (Liadoff); Polichinelle (Rachmaninoff)... Ruth Litvin from the Studio; Prince Igor (Borodin)—Peasant's Chorus; Russian Chereb Hymn (Vorotnikov)... Sorokin Russian Choir; Four Russian Folk Dances (Liadoff)... 1. Balladous—Chant; 2. Christmas Carol; 3. Plaintive Melody; 4. Humorous Song—The Buzzing and Biting of the Gnat.... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Beethoven—Concerto In D Major, Op. 61. Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

10.35 Songs by Herbert Janssen (Baritone).

Widmung 'Du Meine Seele' (Ruckert—Schumann); The Lotus Flower (Helm-Schumann); All Souls Day, Op. 10, No. 8 (von Glim-R. Strauss)... Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.45 Military Band Music. Marche Lorraine (Günna); Belphégor, Quick March (Dressant); Marching With Sousa... Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

11.00 London Relay—America Speaks—1.

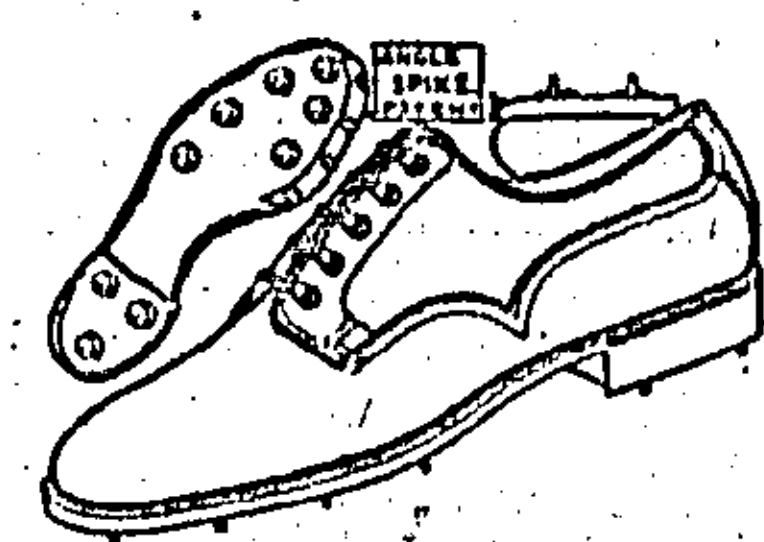
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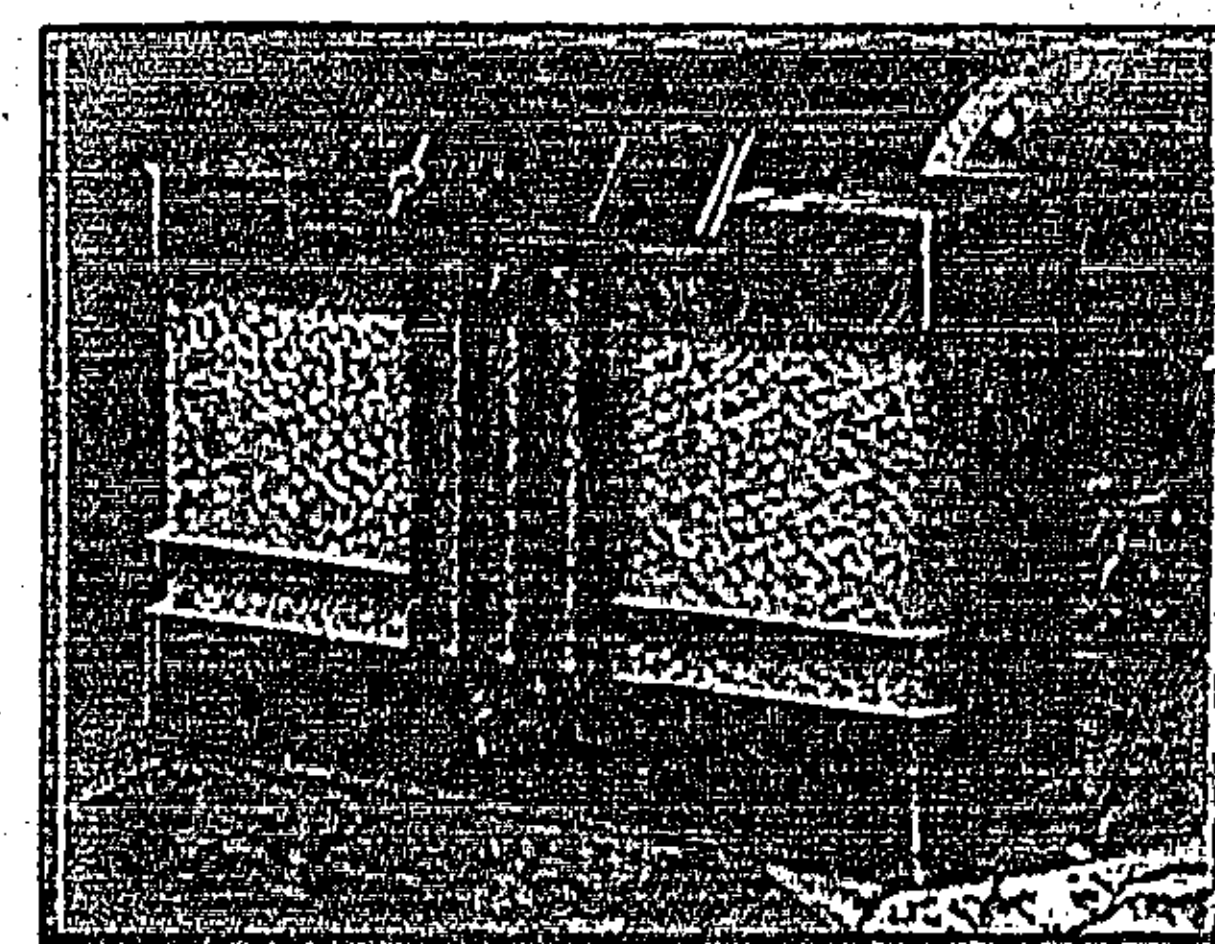
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ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL CONCLUDES TO-MORROW

SILKYLIGHT BY FAR THE BEST PONY OF MEET WINS TRIPLE CROWN FOR "CIRE" STABLE

(By "Captain Foster")

The Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club will terminate to-morrow at Happy Valley. Race-goers are reminded that the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., instead of the usual eleven o'clock.

An attractive programme of nine races, including four handicap events, will be presented to punters and chief interest will be centred on the two main events, the Subscription Griffins Champions and the Australian Ponies' Champions.

The headress itself is made of a strong contingent of children will be turning out to-morrow and although they are permitted in either enclosure, they will only be admitted in the company of their parents. Attention of the public is drawn that no animals will be allowed. Kiddies are reminded that there are several kiddies among this year's bunch of Australian and China ponies and the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club will not be responsible for any accidents.

Mr. Clerk of the Weather was very kind with the result that the going was getting faster after every event and this can be well gauged by the running of Louis XIV in the Sports Club Cup and Hongkong Stakes, the sub-griffins covering 1½ miles in 3.14.2/5 and the last half-mile was negotiated in 1.01.2/5. The Ladies' Purse was won by Mr. Du Tong-sen's Potentate with Mr. C. Encarnacao up in 1.48.2/5, the time being one-third of a second slower than the track record held by Soldier of Britain. The Griffins Consolation Stakes over a mile was won by Jober in 2.01.4/5 which was undoubtedly a grand show considering the fact that all the winners were barred.

BRILLIANT SILKYLIGHT

The outstanding feature of the Annual Carnival was the brilliant performance of Silkylight, a China pony owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai, who annexed the "triple crown", namely, the Maiden Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. The success was in certain measure due to the fine handling of the pony by the owner's son, Mr. R. B. Moller, who rode a clever race on the winner in the Champion Stakes to beat the invincible Liberty Bay by a length after one of the most exciting finishes ever witnessed at the Race Course. It must have thrilled every regular follower of the turf, for the grim battle for the highest honours of the season started at the distance post or thereabouts and it did not end until the beaten "W.P." was reached. It was a great treat to see Silkylight being led to the dismounting enclosure by Mr. Eric Moller who was on the off side while Miss Nancy Moller was on the near and they were followed by the trainer and the Russian riding boy. The happy family must have been tickled to death over the win and I am sure that the great old timer Mr. E. Moller will never forget the ovation accorded to Silkylight.

Mr. L. Dunbar's Liberty Bay suffered his first defeat after a brilliant racing career dating back to 1932 and it is interesting to relate that the pony has scored two dozen easy wins before he met his Waterloo. Liberty Bay has had a sequence of four consecutive champions to his credit from 1933 to 1936, but the great warrior was not seen in action during the whole of last year on account of "dotty" and it seems to me that the "lay off" was in certain measure responsible for his failure.

Congratulations are due to Mr. Eu Tong-sen in capturing the most racing trophies, namely, the Lusitano Cup, the Royal Navy Cup, the American Club and the Governor's Cup and this record is hard to beat. In addition, Mr. Eu Tong-sen's jockey, Mr. C. Encarnacao had the pleasure to pilot Potentate to victory in the Ladies' Purse while Mr. S. L. Yuen graduated from the novice class on Rob Roy in the Jockey Cup with a beautiful silver trophy (valued \$100.) which he is proud to possess.

OPENING EVENT

Milo Race For Non-Winners

The opening event for to-morrow is the Nil Desperandum Stakes over a mile for non-winning China sub-griffins of this Club of this meeting that have started at least twice, and the Stewards will determine by lot in which section the ponies will start. At the time of writing I have not a list of the draw but my selections will appear on Saturday.

GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP

Sir Victor Sassoon May Carry It Off

The weights for the Griffins Spring Handicap over a mile for non-winning griffins have not yet been announced and I cannot therefore discuss the prospects of any ponies. The conditions of this race are for Derby ponies that have started at least twice and have not won, and it seems strange to say that all the candidates belonging to Sir Victor Sassoon will be allotted with weights to show their prowess. Sir Victor had four nominations, but Harmony Eve pulled up lame after a trial before the meeting and the luck of the other three, namely, Half-Moon Eve, Handicap Eve and Humdrum Eve was dead out. While on the subject, Sir Victor Sassoon, who was present at the Carnival, had the pleasure of leading in only one winner, Honeymoon Eve, in the Gymkhana Stakes and it is to be hoped that he will have more luck to-morrow with his long string of ponies. Among the list of non-winning griffins, the best left is Half-Moon Eve and Lancashire Lass and a good race between these two is assured.

FIRST LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

Flemington Stakes For Australians

The first leg of the "Daily Double" is on the Flemington Plate over a short distance for Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting that have started and have not won, and also ponies of any season that have not won \$1,000 or more in stakes at Race Meetings since January 1, 1937. It is a fast sprint from the 1½ mile post and we should see a good tussle between Derby Day, Ranger, Violet Queen and Zodiac. The draw for the position means a lot but Ranger is not a quick mover at the release of the tape and it looks therefore a good thing for Derby Day. I am afraid that the youngsters of this season will have no say, but be careful with Macquarie River who is a fast merchant over this jaunt.

GOOD FIELD EXPECTED

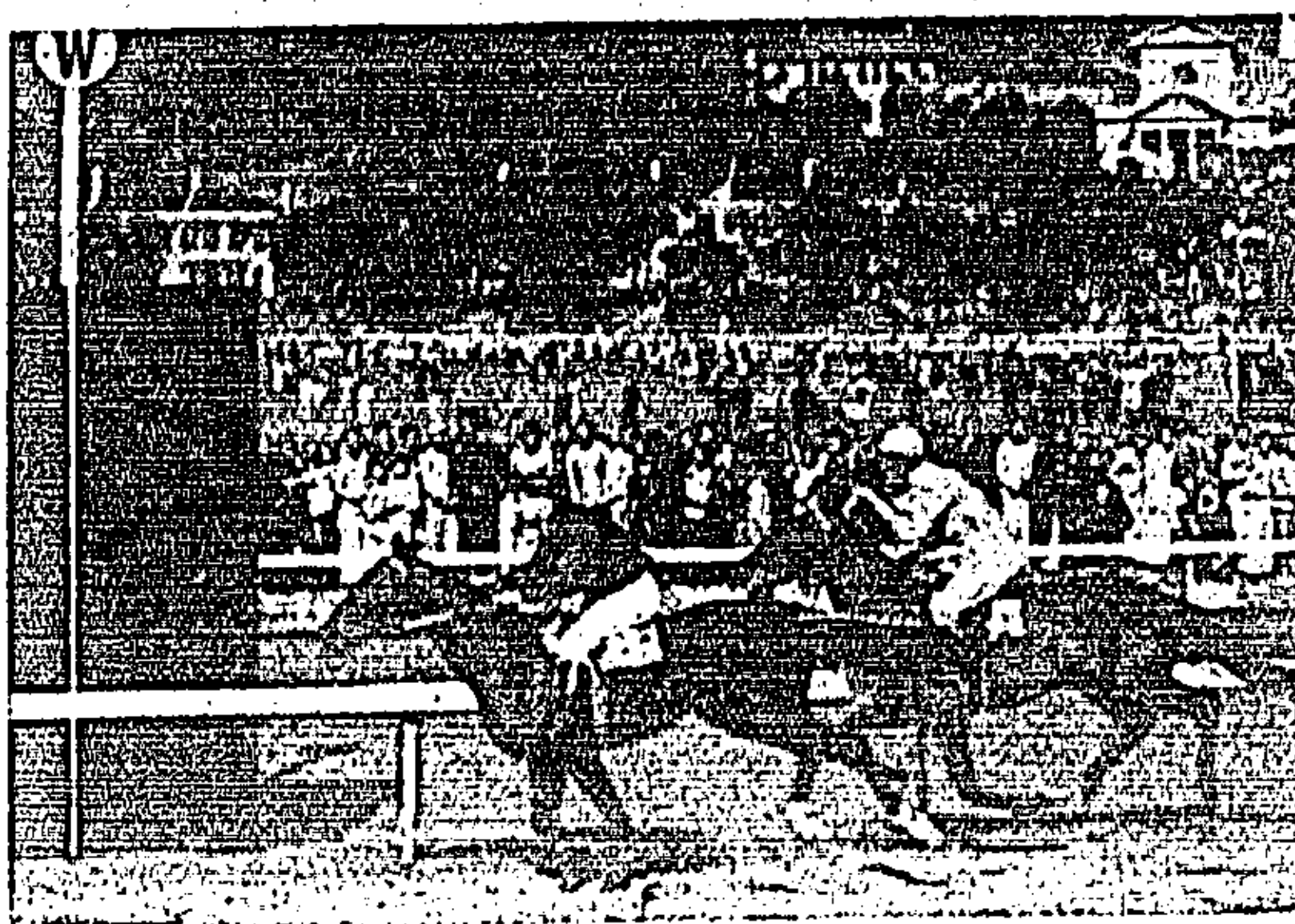
Louis XIV Should Win Easily

The Professional Cup and Subscription Griffins' Champions over 1½ miles will draw a good field, but we have not to go very far to look for the winner. On his performances, Louis XIV, the property of jockey owner Mr. S. W. Tang, will have an easy passage in the main classic event, but Desert Star, Final Triumph, Piet Hein, Salvage Master and Smiling Thru will no doubt give him a good run for the money. The Professional Cup is to be won two years in succession or three years in all by ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners, and although last season's winner (Gordito) was from the stable of Mr. C. Encarnacao, Borchardo to turn the tables on Louis XIV. In 1935 Mr. Eu Tong-sen won the classic with Rose Evelyn, but I am afraid that his candidate Smiling Thru is not capable of duplicating the success. This beautiful Cup, presented by the members of the Law Society, has not been won outright since 1922.

Second Leg Of Daily Double

Good Entries For Phaethon H'cap

The Phaethon Handicap for D and E classes of China ponies has attracted 20 entries over a course (Continued on Page 9.)



FALL OF A CHAMPION.—After leading nearly all the way, Mr. L. Dunbar's hitherto invincible Liberty Bay is here seen beaten by a length in the Hongkong Champions on Wednesday by Mr. Eric Moller's Silkylight, which won the "triple crown" by annexing the Maiden Stakes, the Derby and the Champions. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

THOUGHTS RETURN TO CRICKET FIELD ONCE AGAIN

Volunteers Play Three Games In Race Week

(By "R. Abbit")

Having all failed to make our fortune at this racing game, I suppose we can come back to cricket with a pleasant feeling of relief. But there were quite a lot of people who preferred cricket to ponies and three excellent games were the result of the Volunteers' enthusiasm.

The first game took place at the K.C.C. on Monday where the Home side ran up a total of 180 for 7 wickets before declaring. As a matter of fact they were to a certain extent indebted to bad catching as Anderson was dropped in the gully when about 20 and again in the deep at fifty. Apart from these chances, however, he played an excellent innings. Pereira (16-2-57-4) bowled quite well but the K.C.C. batting was more or less on top. Barrow made a magnificent catch one-handed at square leg to dismiss Whitmarsh, who is a member of K.C.C. by the way, while later he threw down Broadbridge's wicket with the delicacy of a dart-thrower putting in an initial double—or so my informant said.

The Volunteers only just managed to save the game, and they had Neve and even more G. Souza to thank for it. Most of the rest had a bad day. Owen Hughes was bowled by a long hop and the tall completely failed to wag. Souza (93 not out) played excellently and Neve was good after a shaky start. Lee had an off day with the ball but Lloyd (10-2-74-0) was quite useful. Anderson might well have gone on earlier.

THE SERVICES GAME
The United Services on Tuesday put up quite a strong side though none of the Seafarers in camp were playing. Ogle, Whitmarsh and Wauchope represented the Navy. As usual the Services' bowling was not particularly strong and pretty consistent scoring enabled the Volunteers to run up a total of 202 for 6, with Souza again top scorer with 47 not out. Nor was the bowling of the Volunteers very much better and Murray and Godby both got half-



George Souza
An Interceptor but in the making

centuries though Weedon and Ogle did not meet with success. They had not time however to get the runs, and probably a draw was the fairest result.

VOLUNTEERS LOSE

On Wednesday the cricket was not of such high standard and quite a weak Club side beat the Volunteers in a low scoring match. Neve scored 44 for the Club out of their total of 120 but he was dropped three times, twice by Owen Hughes who seldom puts one on the carpet. However, he made amends by an excellent catch later. Only four of the Volunteers got double figures and they were all out for 91 runs. Souza got 19 but his batting was in complete contrast to his two previous displays. However, I am told by a well-known cricketer that he has the making of a good Interceptor but with experience, but he wants a bit of coaching, as he is a bit apt

Norwich Defeats Chesterfield

London, Feb. 24.
In the Second Division of the English Football League, Norwich, at home, defeated Chesterfield by two goals to one to-day.—Reuter.

Badminton

AU PUTS UP WEAK OPPOSITION

Easy Win For J. L. Anderson In The Singles

The biggest surprise in the Colony Championship badminton programme at the Talbot R.C. last evening was not that C. Au, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., was beaten by J. L. Anderson, of the Free Lances, but the easy way in which he went down.

The tie was expected to produce a close match, but Anderson's superiority was never in doubt throughout the two games needed to decide the issue. Au proved conclusively that he is a better player at doubles than at singles.

Anderson's form was a revelation to many who had never seen him in action except in "B" Division and Mixed Doubles League matches. He won easily by 15-2, 15-5.

Men's Singles.—J. L. Anderson beat C. Au 15-2, 15-5.
Men's Doubles.—H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros beat P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang 15-3, 15-5. S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher beat P. Wilson and N. Smith 15-10, 15-13.

to pull his head up when playing forward.
The Volunteers McKenzie (6-1-33-0) bowled very well and should have gone on earlier. Baker and Swain for the Club were good—though I am told the latter's figures (15.5-3-30-0) flattered him a little.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES
There is not a vast amount of cricket to-morrow and with three exceptions, all in the Junior Division, all the games are non-league ones. In the First Division the Hongkong Club are at home to the Indian Recreation Club and as the latter have no game they will have strengthened their team with F. Baker and D. McLellan. None of the Pancares are playing. At King's Park the Navy have a friend-

Corinthians' Success Due Chiefly To Team Spirit

Islington Corinthians' Programme To-day

The following is the programme for the Islington Corinthians to-day:
Leave Hotel at 8.45 a.m. for tour and sight seeing round New Territories including the Jubilee Reservoir. At noon, tiffin at Royal Hongkong Golf Club.
1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. golf at Royal Hongkong Golf Club.
Evening free.

Mr. Tom Smith Explains How Tour Came About

(By "Abbe")

WHILE describing how the present tour of the Islington Corinthians came about at the dinner given to the visitors by the Hongkong Football Association at the Hongkong Hotel last evening, Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the team, explained the success of the side in one word—co-operation.

"I HAVE always held and will always hold that eleven players, playing football together as a team, will always triumph over eleven individuals no matter how clever the latter are," said Mr. Smith. And Mr. Smith knows football and knew what he was talking about.

His words should be a lesson to those local players who are always trying to be too clever and seldom seem to remember that there are ten other players on their side.

"The Islington Corinthians are playing better now than they have ever done in the present tour. They are one unit when they are on the field and this accounts for their present run of successes."

"In my opinion, they are playing better football now than any other amateur team I have seen in my life," added Mr. Smith.

South China A.A. and the United Services, the two sides the Islington Corinthians have beaten in Hongkong, can therefore take heart. Our visitors' play at the moment represents the highest standard of amateur football in England, and it is no disgrace to be beaten by such a side.

A "Joke" Becomes True

HOW a suggestion which he took for a huge joke at the time has now become true was revealed by Mr. Smith in the course of his speech.

When the Chinese Olympic footballers were in London, they were entertained by the Islington Corinthians and the Chinese were so grateful for the hospitality extended to them that Mr. Wong Ka-sun, the manager of the side, said to Mr. Smith, "Why not come to Hongkong to play us?"

Mr. Smith and everyone else who heard what Mr. Wong said thought the latter was joking. But Mr. Wong was dead serious and mentioned the matter again before the Chinese left London. He went further than that. He convinced Mr. Smith that it was possible not only to bring a team to Hongkong but to take it round the world, and suggested that the Islington Corinthians should do what the Chinese Olympic team did when it went to Berlin in 1936.

The idea was to write to various clubs on the route which they intended to take and ascertain their reactions to the scheme. It was then that Mr. Smith discovered that the proposition was not as frivolous as he had thought it was. As a matter of fact, after giving the matter more mature thought, he found it a feasible one.

Objections Everywhere

NEVERTHELESS it was not a question of just getting a team and reserving together and set sail. All sorts of arrangements had first to be made before the tour could be embarked upon, including obtaining the permission of the F.A.

At first, the Islington Corinthians could not obtain this permission. It was held that such an ambitious scheme as Mr. Smith had described to the F.A. was impossible, and furthermore it was not desirable that a team of English footballers should get beaten—everywhere they went. And also there was the probability that the tour would end in failure and the F.A. would then have to bear the responsibility of getting the players back to England. Eventually, however, Mr. Smith convinced them, and permission was obtained in spite of the objections of the Press in the country.

It was admittedly a pioneer effort, but the tour so far has been a very successful one and may prove to be the forerunner of visits to the East of representative English amateur teams officially sponsored by the English Football Association.

After their matches in Cairo, the Egyptian Football Association cabled back to England to the effect that they had been extremely satisfied with the Islington Corinthians and with the brand of soccer they played, and that if at any time they wished



"Pat" Clark
He has four fears.

to visit the country again, a hearty welcome awaited them.

Well done, Islington Corinthians!

H.K.F.A. Thanked

IN the course of his speech last evening, Mr. Smith said the Corinthians were now in Hongkong as the guests of the South China A.A. and not the H.K.F.A. because it was originally due to the Chinese that they had started on their tour, to reciprocate the visit paid them in London by Lee Wai-tong and Co. Nevertheless, on behalf of the players he thanked the Association for so kindly joining with the Chinese to make their stay in the Colony such a pleasant one.

Clark's Four Fears

In spite of being "razzed" almost throughout his speech by members of his own team, "Pat" Clark, the captain of the Islington Corinthians, proved to be quite a good after-dinner impromptu speaker.

Describing his introduction to Chinese football, he said that when the Chinese team played in London, he went to see the match with the same idea as if he was going to watch a circus show. But when Lee Wai-tong led his men out to the field, his ideas changed very quickly and he could say with complete honesty that he admired their football very much then.

Frankly, however, he thought that the Chinese team which played them last Saturday did not come up to expectations. After their exhibition in London, he expected the Chinese to put up a better show.

Amidst considerable laughter, he described the team's fears (1) Small-pox; (2) Typhoons; (3) Japanese; and (4) the forthcoming trip to Manila by plane.

Lee Wai-tong's Disappointment

CALLED upon by the Chairman, Mr. J. Ralston, to say a few words, Mr. Lee Wai-tong expressed his disappointment over his inability to play against the visitors in Hongkong. He said that ever since he met the Islington Corinthians in London, he had hoped that one day he would meet them on his own soil. Fate, however, had decreed otherwise. Nobody was more sorry than he was. Still, he was thankful that their visit to the Colony had given him a chance to return the courtesy and hospitality extended to him and his team-mates when they were in London in 1936. It was a neat little speech, Mr. Lee seems almost as good a speech-maker as he is a footballer.

Enjoyable Evening

THE function was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and the after-dinner proceedings were entertained by contributions to the entertainment by members of the visiting team. J. Sherwood, Tom Smith, Len Bradbury, "Bunny" Avery, "Rock" McKeivie, "Pat" Clark, Eddie Martin, Dick Tarrant, and Charles Carter (Hon. Secretary of the H.K.F.A.) all provided their quota of fun.

SPORT ADVTS.

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10th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th
February, 1938.

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The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (Indies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

CYCLING RECORDS SMASHED

Local Enthusiasts Set New Figures

During the first eight weeks of the current year the Hongkong Cycling Club has promoted time trials on two occasions, on January 22 and February 5. On the former date the riders concerned were R. Alves and W. H. Peckham, both of whom scheduled for records up to 50 miles. Alves was despatched by H. A. G. Keates, the Club's President, who was acting as timekeeper, at 2.15 p.m. and Peckham 15 mins. later. At the halfway point Peckham was found to have gained nearly 5 mins. on his rival, their times being 1.10.53 and 1.16.22 respectively. At 30 miles the figures were 1.35.20 and 1.31.5, were established by Alves and a few minutes later broken by Peckham. They are as given below:

35 miles - Alves 1.51.20, Peckham 1.40.57.
40 miles - Alves 2.8.17, Peckham 2.4.12.
45 miles - Alves 2.24.51, Peckham 2.20.32.
50 miles - Alves 2.40.11, Peckham 2.38.21.

The course used was not the formidable Kowloon Circuit on which H. A. G. Keates clocked 2.38.15 for 50 miles on June 27 of last year, and which remains unbeaten.

Attempt Ends in Crash

On February 5 an attempt to establish a number of records up to 100 miles was brought to an early close when the rider concerned, H. A. G. Keates, was involved in a crash after covering 32 miles in 1.29.30. The incident was unfortunate and robbed the rider of the certainty of lowering the new 35-45 miles records, whilst had he continued to ride as brilliantly as he was doing in the early stages, there is no doubt that he would have exceeded 20 m.p.h. for the whole distance. New figures were established at 25 and 30 miles with times of:

25 miles - 1.10.46. Old record 1.10.59.
30 miles - 1.23.58. Old record 1.25.42.

All the above records were approved at a recent meeting of the Club's Committee. The injuries sustained by Keates in his crash still continue to prevent him participating in Club runs or further trials, but it is hoped he will be fit enough to make another attempt before the summer period. Officials during the trial on February 5 were J. L. Smith (timekeeper) and R. Alves, W. H. Peckham and A. Cossins, course marshals.



Jean Hersholt, Greta Garbo and Howard Marshall in "The Painted Veil," showing at the King's Theatre to-day.

CRICKET ELEVENS

Recreio Juniors Chosen For League Match

The following will represent the Club de Recreio 2nd, XI in a junior League cricket match against the Hongkong C. C. at King's Park on Saturday:

F. H. Carvalho (Capt.), E. A. R. Alves, L. G. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, A. E. Noronha, C. E. Basto, H. M. Xavier, A. A. Lopes, M. Mendonca and J. Soares.

Match On Sunday

The Kowloon 1st, XI will be at home to the Craigengower C. C. in a friendly all-day game of Cricket on Sunday, commencing at 11 a.m. The following teams have been selected:

Kowloon.—D. J. N. Anderson (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. F. O'Brien, E. C. Fincher, S. Jex, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, T. A. Madar, W. L. McKenzie and F. Zimmern. Umpire, J. P. Robinson. Craigengower.—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, W. Hong Sling, D. Hung, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, F. K. Lee, G. Souza, J. L. Youngs, A. Zimmern and F. R. Zimmern. Umpire, G. Ladd. Scorer, T. Lock.

Combined Schools XI

The following will represent the Combined Schools in a friendly game of cricket against Mr. G. R. Sayer's XI on Sunday at 2 p.m. on the Civil Service C. C. ground:

J. L. Youngs (Capt.), W. Gegg, N. J. Booker, C. Hasegood, D. Hol-

TABLE TENNIS

Hungarian Champions Expected To-day

Miklos Szabados and Estvan Kelen, the Hungarian table tennis champions, are expected to arrive in the Colony to-day by the Hakezaki Maru from Shanghai.

The Hongkong Table Tennis Association has arranged for two exhibitions to be played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, and at the Hong Kiu College, 20 Shelley Street. The first, at the Chinese "Y", will commence at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the second, at Kong Kiu College, on Sunday will commence at the same time.

The visitors' opponents for the first exhibition will be chosen from the veterans of Macao, Singapore and Hongkong. Six have fought their way through the early rounds of the Charity Singles Tournament, these being Chu Kel-chi, Liou Shek-cheung, Shu Shu-kau, Chung Wing-kwong, Chung Chek-yung and Fung Kok-ho. It is expected that Chu Kel-chi and Shu Shu-kau will be those chosen to play the Hungarians. Admission charges for the exhibitions will be 20 cents, 55 cents and \$1.10. Bookings can be made at the Confucian Club, Hollywood Road, or with Mr. Yee King-kwong, Kelley and Co., Ltd., 17, Queen's Road Central, 2nd floor, Tel. 21671.

lidge and D. Parsons (Central British School); K. M. Rumball (Queen's College), J. Gosano (La Salle College), A. J. Prata, D. Gray and E. Fisher (Diocesan Boys' School). Reserve, Z. Gosano (La Salle).

Second Leg Of Daily Double

(By "Captain Foster")

(Continued from Page 8.)

from the two mile post, once round and in, but the allotment of the poundage has not yet been published; incidentally the second leg of the daily double is on this evening. We have certainly a long list from which to select the second leg and my fancy will appear on Saturday.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES' CHAMPIONS

Can Electron Beat Strathroy Again?

The penultimate event is on the Australian Ponies' Champions and we may look forward to a really champion contest. The conditions of this classic are for winners and placed ponies of a flat race at this Club's Extra Race Meeting held during the second half of 1937 season, and/or at this Meeting only. I do not expect for a moment to see a big field, but with the presence of Able Amazon, Annabella, Blandford, Electron, Gypsy Love, Lancashire Chips, Little Audrey, Strathroy and Tornado Star, our race track is about the right size to hold nine runners without any interference. Strathroy after a thrashing by Electron in the Melbourne Cup over 1 1/4 miles, has been specially reserved for the big classic and the connections are confident that Strathroy will have his revenge. Electron, after his smart win, has not been out and the owners are looking forward to another success. Mr. Macgregor's candidate will therefore have to be at his best to stave off the challenge of Electron, but with due consideration to both of them, the entry of the Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Tornado Star, will have to be respected. This little chestnut mare by the sire "unknown" has certainly wonderful legs and the manner in which she annexed the Sydney Maiden Stakes and the Rooty-Hill Derby, was very impressive. It may be of interest to know that the second pony (Annabella) and the third (Murray River) in the Rooty-Hill Derby were also by the unknown sires and it was indeed a great pity that the suppliers did not or could not furnish the Club with the names of their respective sires for future references.

VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP

For Ponies That Have Not Won

The Happy Valley Spring Handicap is for China ponies that have started at this meeting and have not won, and the entries are to be divided into "A" and "B" divisions at the discretion of the Handicapper, Mr. C. M. Alves. With no data available, I cannot therefore pass any comments.

L.R.C. INCORPORATION

At the annual meeting of the Ladies Recreation Club yesterday, a proposal was passed to incorporate the Club.

The meeting was presided by Mrs. N. Mathieson, President, assisted by Mrs. G. White (Secretary), and Mrs. G. K. Oliver (Treasurer).

In her report Mrs. Mathieson said: Membership increased during the year by 62.

The cost of making good the damage caused by the typhoon, \$1,490, has been charged direct to the Reserve Account.

The continued popularity of the two sand courts is a source of satisfaction as it proves that the construction of the second one has met with approval. It has been suggested that a third court should be made, but apart from other considerations which arise I am afraid that this will not be possible in the immediate future, at least until the cost of the last one is out of the accounts.

We have spent rather more than usual on the garden this year, but I am sure members must have noticed the fine display of flowers which has done so much to brighten and beautify the Club grounds and will agree that the money has been well spent.

You are probably aware that, as at present constituted we have no definite legal status. Incorporation will give the Club a separate entity quite apart from the members composing it. It will work according to a legally recognized set of rules and in all respects will be easier to handle. The Club property will be registered in the Club's name instead of being held in the names of Trustees, thereby obviating the necessity of getting into touch with them whenever any question arises concerning the Club property. In the past this has involved considerable time and trouble in communicating with nominees at home who have retired or were on leave. We have no doubt you will agree to incorporating the Club at this meeting, after which another formal meeting will be held to adopt the new Constitution.

Members unanimously agreed that the Club be incorporated. The following were elected to the general committee: Madames, Mathieson, Martin, Oliver, Prophet, Ialston, Waddell, White. The following were elected to the ballotting committee: Mrs. Hyde-Lay, Mrs. Church, Mrs. MacGregor, Miss Dienes.



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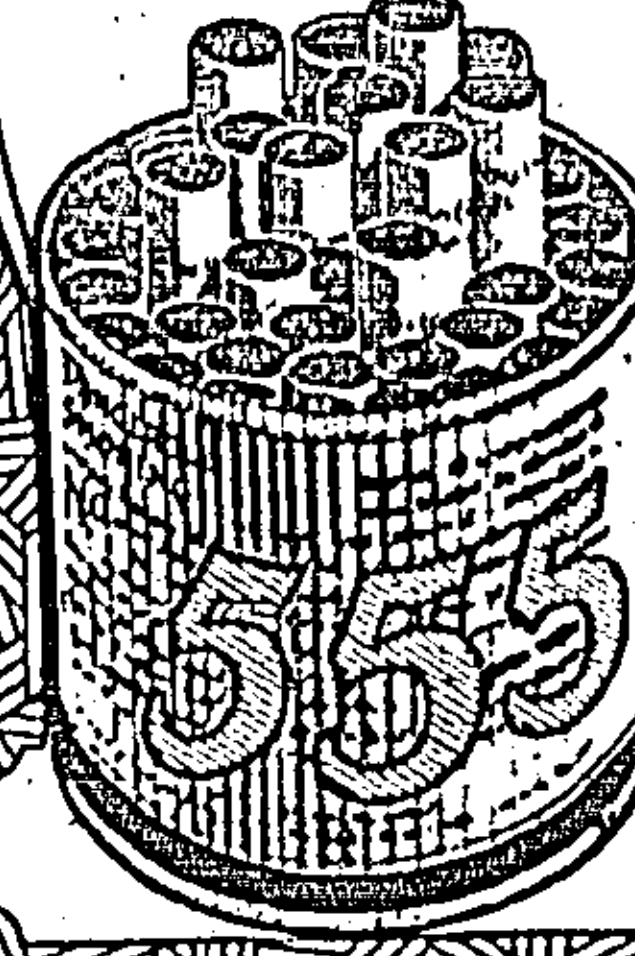
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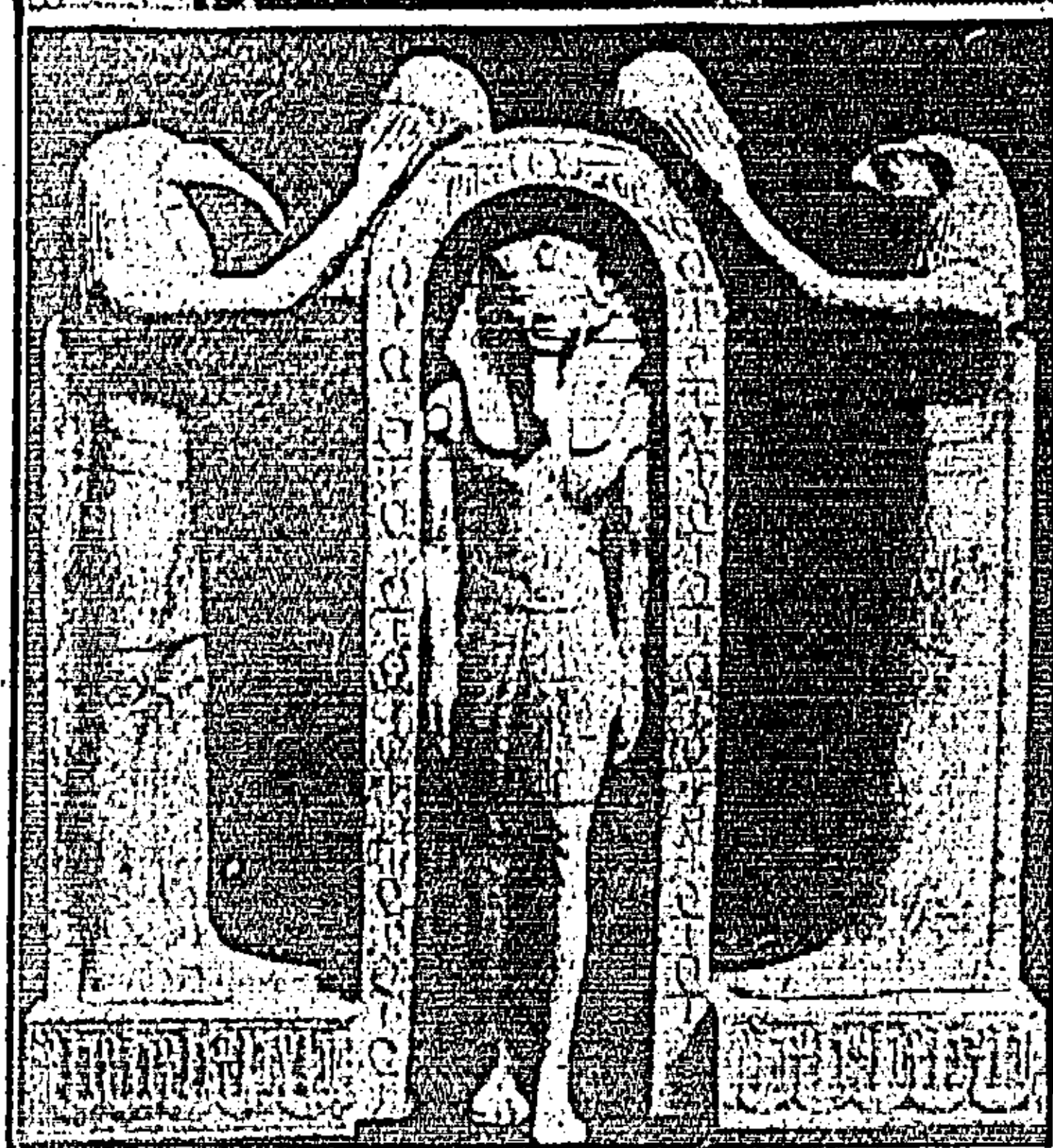
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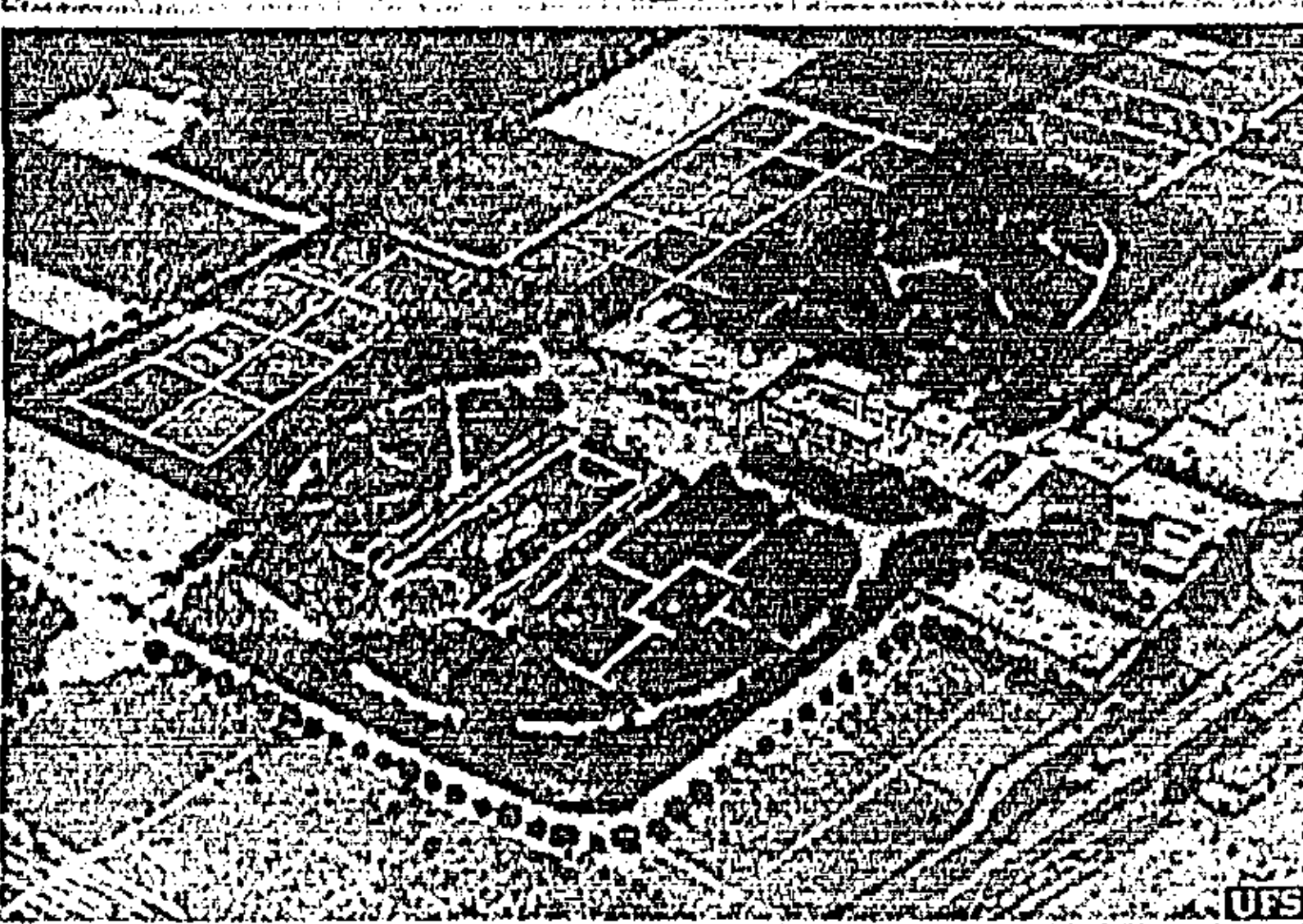
HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE



EGYPT'S KING AND QUEEN—A gigantic spectacle of jubilation, with rajahs, sheiks and scores of foreign dignitaries attending, marked the wedding of King Farouk, 18-year-old sovereign of Egypt, to Miss Farida Zulficar, 17, daughter of an Alexandrian judge, in Cairo. A week of festivities followed the simple religious ceremony ordered by the young King, idol of his people. This included a state procession in which the King and Queen rode in the royal coach, fireworks on the river Nile, civic and military parades, state banquets and an illumination of all Cairo.

Many believe the discovery in 1936 of the great stele of Amenhotep II, shown at lower left, in the diggings north of the Sphinx, preordain a glorious reign for young King Farouk and his lovely Queen, shown at top left and right. Like Farouk, Amenhotep ascended the throne of Egypt on his 18th birthday, in 1447 B. C., was more than six feet tall—a daring horseman and athlete.

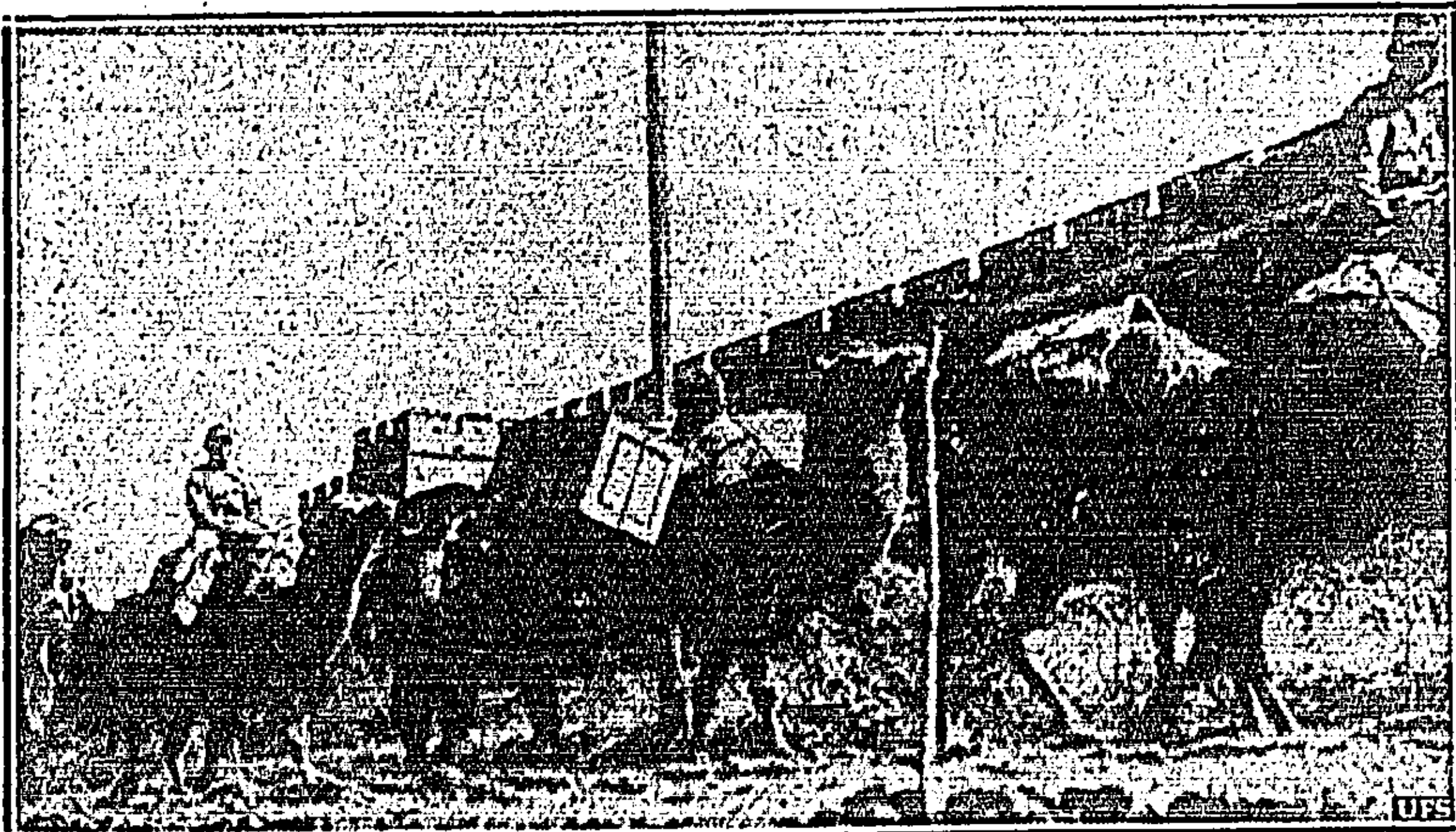
Wedding ceremonies were held in Koubbeh Palace, Cairo. View at lower right, made from an Imperial Airways plane, shows the formal gardens, model farms and recreation grounds that are part of the vast estate centring on the five-storey limestone palace, one of the show places of Egypt.



HOLIDAY—Claudette Colbert, film star, as she sailed from New York aboard the Conte di Savoia for a winter vacation at St. Moritz, Switzerland. Accompanying her was her husband, Dr. Joel Pressman. Miss Colbert said it was her first holiday in eight years. She said she had just completed a new picture, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," and was looking forward to the vacation at the famed Swiss winter resort with a vast amount of anticipated pleasure.



RETIREES—Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, who has retired from the Japanese capital, following Japan's announcement that henceforth it will recognize only the new administration in China that are prepared to adopt pro-Japanese policies. The withdrawal of recognition from General Chiang Kai-shek's regime ruled out a war declaration.



JAPANESE TRANSPORT—Modern devices for transportation are not always feasible in China and here the Japanese have resorted to an age-old method. Camels are loaded with Japanese munitions for the front, after the munitions were carried by motor trucks to a base in Suiyuan province. The beasts of burden with their Nipponese drivers are shown against the Great Wall.

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NALDERA	10,000	2nd Apr.	Marselles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	10th Apr.	Marselles & London.
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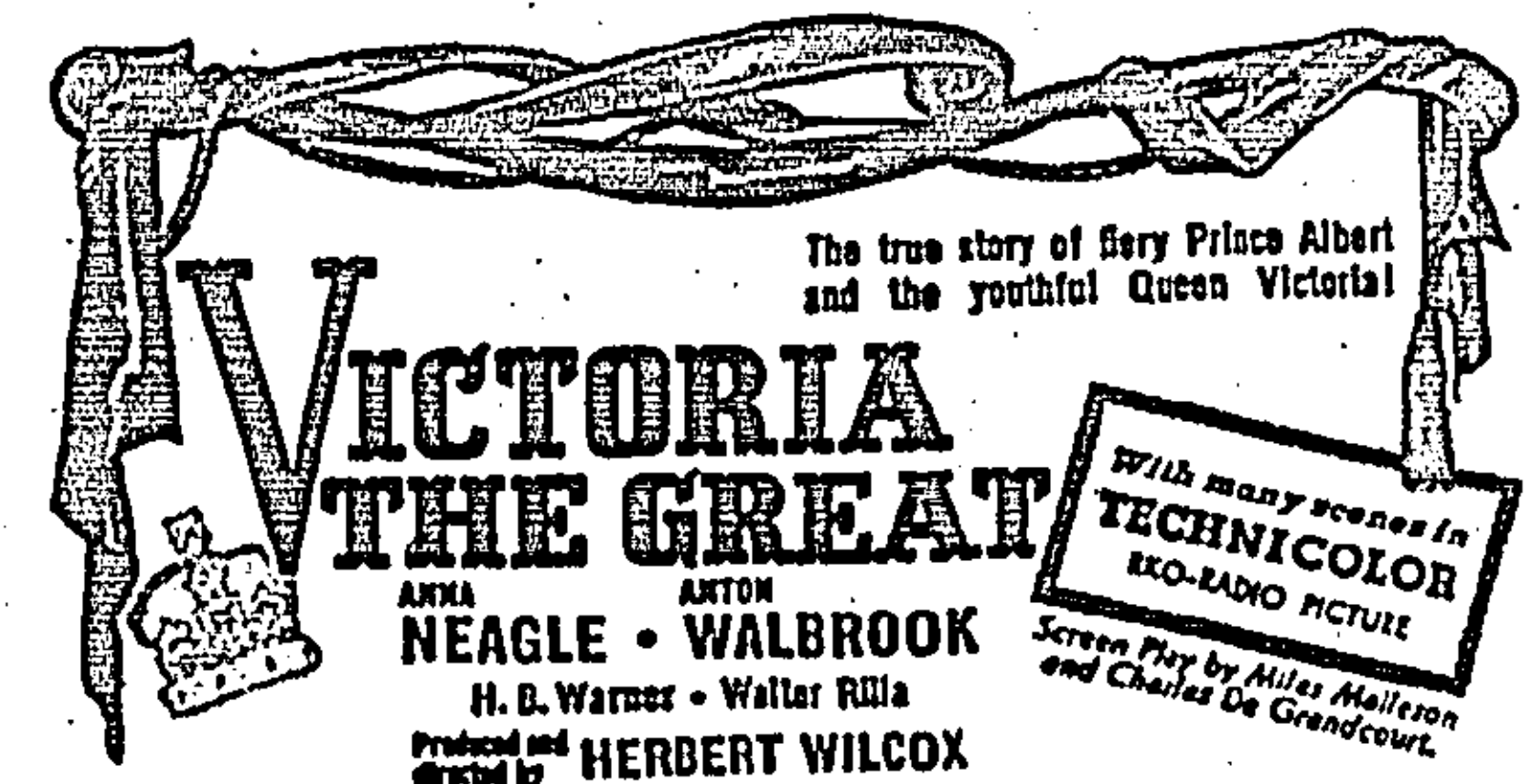
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Warships To Visit Manila From Colony

Nine warships of the China Squadron of the Royal Navy are visiting Manila within the next three weeks, on annual cruises to various ports in the Far East.
H.M.S. Otus and Odin, of the submarine flotilla, have already arrived at the Philippines capital, and will remain there until Tuesday.
H.M. destroyers Duncan, Defender, Dainty and Diamond will arrive in Manila on March 4 and remain until March 12.
The aircraft carrier Eagle and H.M.S. Diana will call at Manila between April 3 and April 12.
In addition to the visit to Manila, other ships of the Chinese Squadron now on tour will call at various centres. H.M.S. Medway, and the submarines Regent and Regulus are due at Surabaya to-day and will remain until March 3. They will be followed by the destroyer Westcott and submarine Orpheus and Proteus between March 6 and 14.
The destroyer flotilla and submarines Rainbow and Grampus are visiting French Indo China until next Monday.

TARANTULA TO VISIT MACAO

IN PORT FOR THE CARNIVAL

Macao, Feb. 24.
Under the command of Commander Cunningham-Graham, H.M.S. Tarantula will be visiting Macao during the coming week-end. The British warship will be arriving from Canton on Saturday morning and the usual official calls will be exchanged.
The officers of the Tarantula will be the guests of Mr. F. J. Gellion, British Vice Consul for Macao, and Mrs. Gellion to dinner on Saturday evening. Commander Cunningham-Graham is being accompanied by Mrs. Cunningham-Graham.
The officers will also attend the Carnival celebrations which are being held in the Macao Club on Saturday night.
On Monday afternoon, officers and men will be present at the soccer match which is being played between the Islington Corinthians and an all-Macao eleven.
H.M.S. Tarantula will leave the port on Tuesday morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

SOFIA LEADERS ARRESTED

Sofia, Feb. 24.
Fifty prominent party leaders, including seven former Ministers, were arrested this evening at a secret meeting in the house of the ex-Minister, M. Vassileff. They were discussing alleged terrorism by the present regime in connection with the election, and preparing a united protest which was to be delivered to the King.
All of the arrested men were prospective candidates in the election.—Reuter.

NEW OPPONENT FOR LOUIS

New York, Feb. 24.
The Joe Louis vs. Jimmy Adamick fight has been cancelled because Adamick's manager refused to agree to the contest. Instead Louis will be fighting Harry Thomas on March 1 in Chicago.
Thomas recently lost to Adamick on points. Louis is receiving 40 per cent. of the receipts, and Thomas 25.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station.—Somali, Nordvind, Ninghai, Nancy, Moller, Selstan, Hultan, Taybank, Conte Verde and Minoo Maru.

Alteration In H.K. Air Mail Schedule

The introduction of the Empire Flying Boats on the route from England to Singapore has necessitated an alteration in the Hongkong-Bangkok service and next week, owing to the change over, two planes will leave Hongkong for home.
The Deiphobus, which is at present here, having arrived last Monday, will leave according to the old schedule on Sunday. The Daedalus will arrive with inward mails on Monday and will leave on the return trip to Bangkok on Tuesday. The Daedalus will return here again on Friday and leave on Tuesday the following week. Thereafter that will be the regular service—arriving on Friday and leaving on Tuesday each week.
The introduction of the new air mail scheme whereby all first class mail matter is carried by air will not affect Hongkong yet. Letters for England will continue to travel all the way by steamer unless sent air mail at the surcharge rate.

STOP PRESS

CHINESE ATTACK INTENSIFIED

Kwangtch, Feb. 25.
The Chinese counter-attack on Wuching, on the southern shore of the Taihu Lake, has been intensified following the recapture of Tsingshan-shih, a strategic point 20 kilometres south of Wuching, on February 23, according to information from military sources.
Besides strengthening their defence works around the city, the Japanese troops at Wuching have damaged the highways and bridges in the vicinity.—Central News.

GEN. HAN FU-CHU'S RELATIVES SLAIN

Hsuehchow, Feb. 25.
More than 70 relatives of the late General Han Fu-chu, former Chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government, at his native village Hanchilatsun in Pashien, Hopei, were recently ruthlessly slaughtered by irregulars under the notorious bandit chieftain Liu Kwei-lang, allegedly in the employ of Japanese.
Gen. Han's mother and wife, who had left for Lanchow, luckily escaped the carnage.—Central News.

JAPANESE PLANES DESTROYED

Chengchow, Feb. 25.
A squadron of Chinese planes made a surprise raid yesterday on the aerodrome at Hsinhsiang, junction of the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the Taokou-Chinghua Railway, which is now under Japanese military occupation, destroying four Japanese planes on ground.
An ammunition train at the railway station was also effectively bombed by the Chinese raiders, though the extent of the damage cannot be ascertained.
All Chinese planes returned to their base safely.—Central News.

JAPANESE MAY BE LEAVING TSINING

Tsining city, 20 miles south-west of Yenchow, which has changed hands several times during the last few weeks, seems now to be avoided by both Chinese and Japanese forces.
The Japanese troops, according to military reports, withdrew to the east on the day of the night of February 23 in the face of a fierce counter-offensive by the Chinese forces, but in view of the difficulty of defending the city after the demolition of all defence works during repeated bombardment, the Chinese forces have not yet entered it.—Central News.

Gun Battle In Streets Of Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 25.
A dramatic gun battle followed the bombing of the Hwai Mei Wan Pao last evening. Immediately the bomb exploded, three Chinese policemen and a plainclothes detective opened fire on the two terrorists. After an exchange of fire one of the terrorists was shot dead. Four bystanders, including a woman, were found wounded by stray bullets.
Wild excitement reigned during the engagement as pedestrians dashed for cover.
The force of the exploding bomb which landed inside the vestibule of the newspaper office, blew out the glass in the doorways and caused considerable damage to the office, which is now guarded by about a dozen Chinese policemen.—Reuter.

Almost at the same time as the Hwai Mei Wan Pao was bombed last night, a hand grenade was thrown at the home of Mr. L. Z. Yuan, Chinese editor of the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury. Very little damage was done and no one was injured.

Mr. Yuan, who received a number of threats from terrorists, left Shanghai recently for Hongkong.—Reuter.

Girl Prisoners Released

After British Consul Intervenes

The Telegraph understands that the Japanese authorities at Tangku have released the two Chinese girl students of the Peiping Union Medical College who were seized aboard the B. & S. steamer Yochow at that port.
The girls, Misses Sia and Liu, were passengers aboard the ship, when it was searched by Japanese gendarmes.
They were detained because, it is alleged, they were in possession of literature to which the Japanese took exception.
Release has been effected, it is stated, upon representation by the British consul in Chefoo.

RUSSIAN ARTISTES AID REFUGEES

The well known Russian vocalist, Professor V. E. Blizhin, basso, recently arrived at Hongkong. He is going to give a concert in aid of the Emergency Council for Refugee on Sunday, February 27, at the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, at 8.00 p.m.
He is to be assisted by Miss Lubimova, a soprano of rare sweetness.
Tickets are obtainable at the Peter's music house and at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. office.

R.A.M.C. DANCE TO-MORROW

It was incorrectly announced this morning that the R.A.M.C. Association dance would be held at the Peninsula Hotel to-night.
It is the Garrison Arms Hall which is being given this evening. It is an invitation dance.
The R.A.M.C. Assn. ball is to be held Saturday.

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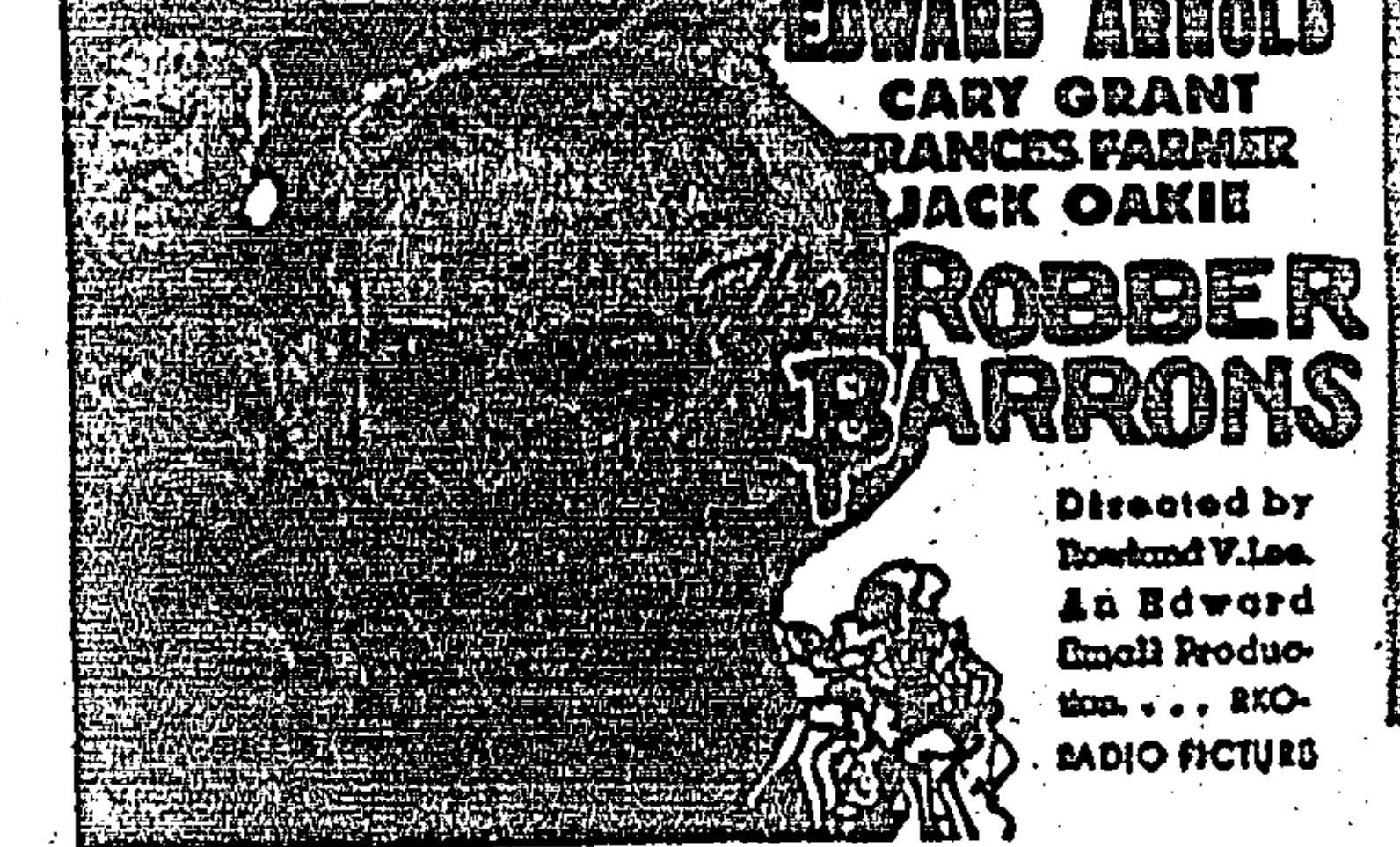
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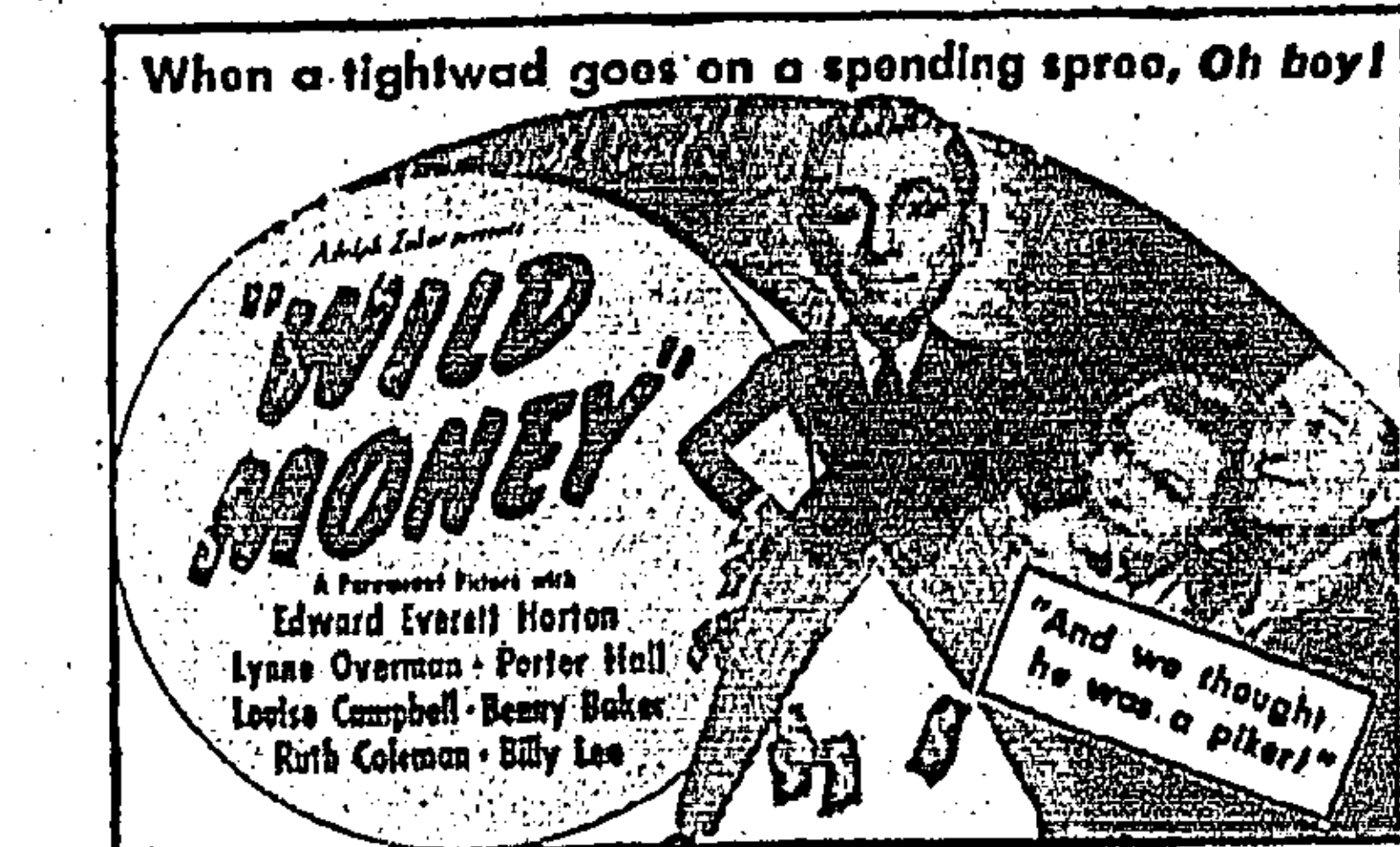


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DIFFICULTIES OF CAMPAIGN IN CHINA BLAMED

Hitler Envisages Chance Of Eventual Defeat Of Invading Army

Washington, Feb. 24.

The well-informed press of the federal capital, in editorial comment to-day, asserts that Japan has encountered serious difficulties in her China campaign and surmises that discontent is probably sweeping through the country.

Japan's difficulties near Hsuechow, the recall of General I. Matsui and the successful Chinese raid on Formosa are evidence of Japan's increasing difficulties.

"It is not surprising if discontent is growing in Japan as the recent Diet outburst against the Prime Minister Prince Konoye suggests.

"When Herr Adolf Hitler in his Reichstag speech envisaged the possibility of Japan's eventual defeat, he doubtless spoke from inside information," the Washington Post observes.

The Washington Star says: "The Formosa bombardment discloses that Japan has not dominated in the air as she claimed."

This paper says the bombing will vastly strengthen the Chinese morale, particularly in conjunction with "the notable defensive successes of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in Central China."

The paper adds that Japan is at present not defeated, but is sinking into the morass of China, possibly beyond recall, unless she soon extricates herself.—United Press.

Australia To Tighten Up Defences

New Northern Base To Be Built

Melbourne, Feb. 25.

It is believed that the Defence Council at yesterday's meeting decided to increase the 1938-39 estimates to fourteen or fifteen million pounds sterling. The Council meets again on March 18 to draw up a programme for discussion when the Ministers go to London.

The proposals are expected to include a new light cruiser, submarine and aviation base at port Darwin, an increase in Australian munition making.

The Admiralty may be asked to provide a capital ship for Australian waters.—Reuter.

Admits Bombers' Loss

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

A Japanese army spokesman reported to-day that Chinese guerrilla troops had kidnapped three Spanish pilots at Suifu, and were allegedly holding them as prisoners at Luchow.

A Japanese navy spokesman admitted that four Japanese planes failed to return yesterday from bombing Canton. He also claimed that eight Chinese planes were shot down and seven more on the ground destroyed.—Reuter.

Japanese Claims

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

A Japanese naval spokesman to-day announced that 20 Japanese planes raided Nanyang north of Canton, Thursday, shot down eight of the 12 Chinese planes encountered and also destroyed four bombers and four or five pursuit planes on the ground and set fire to the hangars.

The planes also raided Chihshien, in Kwangtung, and Yushan in Kiangsi. They bombed the Hankow-Canton railway at several points, he said. But he did not mention their losses.—United Press.

GERMANY ACCEPTS FORMULA

For Withdrawals Of Spanish Volunteers

London, Feb. 24.

The German Charge d'Affaires, Herr Ernst Wernicke, to-day conveyed to Lord Plymouth Germany's acceptance in principle of the British formula for the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain. Lord Plymouth is expected to talk with M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet delegation to the Non-Intervention Committee, next week, to seek Russian acceptance of the formula.

According to the Daily Herald, Mussolini will suggest that Egypt's security be insured by a joint Anglo-Italian guarantee which will obviate the necessity of a large foreign—British—army in Egypt.—United Press.

Britain May Recognise Ethiopian Conquest

THIS MAN LED CHINESE RAID AGAINST FORMOSA



COMMANDER VINCENT SCHMIDT

AMERICAN ACE HEADS INTERNATIONAL GROUP IN FIRST AIR FORAY

Hankow, Feb. 25.

Commander Vincent Schmidt, the man who led the Chinese and foreign volunteer pilots in their successful air raid on Formosa Wednesday, is an American veteran of five previous campaigns. The leader of China's Foreign Legion of the Air, this self-styled "professional bomber" is the former private pilot of Mr. Marshall Field III and is participating in his sixth war.

He successfully survived the World War, in which he served as an artillery officer, the Mexican revolutionary war, the Shanghai fighting of 1932, and the Ethiopian and Spanish struggles. He fought in Spain with the Loyalists, in Ethiopia with the Negus, and says his philosophy is simple: "Only the weaker brother needs help."

Schmidt won the rank of "Bomber Captain" in Spain and was among the American and European fliers who came to China in October, most of them veterans of the Spanish and Ethiopian wars. At one time he was involved in an affair in Nanking, which concerned a Frenchwoman, and was suspected of espionage activities. He was warned by the Government. But in November he began his combat flying from Hankow, leading all the volunteers except the Russians.

His title is Commander of the 14th Squadron.

Lord And Lady Plunket Die In Air Crash

Well-known London Society Couple

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.

Lord and Lady Plunket, well-known in London society, together with the pilot, have been killed in an air crash near San Luis aerodrome, according to the secretary of the newspaper magnate, Mr. W. R. Hearst.—Reuter.

Lord Plunket was the sixth baron. He succeeded to the title in 1929. In 1922 he married Dorothy Mabel, daughter of the late Mr. John Lewis, and widow of Captain Jack Barnato, R.A.F.

The heir and son is Patrick Terence William Span Plunket, who was born in September, 1923. There are two younger brothers.

The late Lord Plunket was 38 years of age.

Later.

The pilot, Mr. P. J. Phillips, was flying a cabin monoplane, owned by Mr. Hearst. He lost his way in a thick fog which blanketed the coast the whole day while taking a party of guests to Mr. Hearst's ranch at San Simeon from Los Angeles.

The plane crashed while trying to land in the gloom near the San Simeon private airport. Lord and Lady Plunket were trapped in the

Giant Of A Man

Schmidt is 40 years of age, six feet in height and weighs 220 pounds. He is cheerful but taciturn on the subject of his war activities because he has been instructed to maintain secrecy.

He says the past four weeks have been the busiest of his life, for he has been bombing the Japanese positions along the Hwai River, at Wuhu and Nanking.

Regarding the Formosa raid and the possibility of wider Chinese action.—(Continued on Page 4.)

cabin, but the pilot and another English passenger named James Lawrence were thrown clear. The pilot was fatally injured, and the passenger seriously hurt.—Reuter.

AUSTRIA PREPARED TO FIGHT

To Preserve Her Freedom

Berlin May Be Annoyed

Vienna, Feb. 24.

There were wild Nazi demonstrations in many places while Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg spoke in the Diet and announced that Herr Hitler had pledged Austrian independence. Vienna Nazis hurled stench bombs in an attempt to disperse radio listeners. Throughout the two-hour speech Nazis loudly cheered "Heil Hitler," and placed a Swastika on top of the City Hall. However, there were no major disturbances.

Dr. Schuschnigg announced that Germany had reaffirmed Austrian independence, that the Fatherland front should remain the sole political principle, and that Austria would permit Germany any kind of Government she wants. However she would not permit the independence of Austria to create internal and illegal activity by the Nazis. The Chancellor said the Austrian constitution "knows no parties, and has no party system." Austria refuses to alter the Government either toward a Popular Front or a dictatorship.

Dr. Schuschnigg said he and Herr Hitler had concluded a "peace of honour and justice ending five years of fighting with unequal weapons."

As an example of Austria's relations with her neighbours Dr. Schuschnigg referred to the Rome protocols signed by Italy, Hungary and Austria to guarantee Austrian independence.

He also asked Austrians to refrain from judging the "political institutions and systems of other countries, and thus prevent fears and misunderstandings."

Dr. Schuschnigg finished on a ringing note, observing: "Austria will remain free, and for this we will fight."

The speech was broadcast all over mid-Europe.

BERLIN ANNOYED, ROME PLEASED

A message from Berlin says that Nazi quarters are surprised and annoyed at the speech, especially the content of Dr. Schuschnigg's speech. However, it is not believed that it will change the situation and it is not likely to delay Austria's internal development towards the Nazis.

From Rome comes a message that the Fascists are deeply satisfied with Dr. Schuschnigg's speech, especially his reference to the friendly Italo-Austrian relations.—United Press

INDEPENDENCE EMPHASISED

Vienna, Feb. 24.

The independence of Austria was emphatically re-affirmed by Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor, in his eagerly-awaited speech in Parliament Building. He said that the Government regards its first unquestionable duty to maintain intact with all its strength, the freedom of the nation.

(Continued on Page 4.)

STUDENTS WALK 300 MILES TO NEW UNIVERSITY

Changsha, Feb. 25.

Falling in line like soldiers, 300 students of the National United University, frequently referred to as the Changsha Provisional University, set out to-day on foot on a long trek from Changsha to Kuning.

The hiking trip, expected to be covered within 60 days, is being made by the students owing to the removal of the university from here to the Yunnan capital at the suggestion of the Ministry of Education.

For the protection of the students on the way General Chang Chih-chung, Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government, has despatched a company of troops with them.

Passing through western Hunan and Kweichow, thence into Yunnan, they will stop over at various points on the way to study local conditions.

While these 300 students are walking to Kuning, more than 800 others in five batches will go to the Yunnan capital by way of Hongkong and Hainan.

The removal of the university is expected to be completed by the end of March and classwork to be resumed in April.

The National United University is jointly operated by the National Tsinghua University, the National Peking University and the Nankai University, whose campuses in Peking and Tientsin have either been destroyed or are under Japanese occupation. It is administered by an executive committee with Dr. Mon-lin Chiang, Dr. Chang Po-lin, Dr. Mei Yi-chi, and Mr. Yang Chen-shen as members. Dr. Chiang, formerly Chancellor of the National Peking University, is now president of the new University. Dr. Chang was formerly president of the Nankai University and Dr. Mei Chancellor of the National Tsinghua University.—Central News.

MERELY AWAITS CONSENT FROM LEAGUE POWERS

London, Feb. 24.

Defending the Government's decision with regard to the Anglo-Italian talks, Lord Halifax to-day declared that the Government was not prepared to let slip an opportunity from which peace might spring. They might be disappointed, but that did not necessarily prove they were wrong. He emphasised that the British policy remained unchanged.

With regard to Abyssinia, he said that provided the consent of the League was obtained, the Government would be willing to consider the Italian conquest apart from a general settlement.—Reuter.

Japan Makes New Charge Against Soviet

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

In view of the alleged indications that Soviet post offices "had been tampering with private letters addressed to Japanese residents in the Soviet Union," the Japanese police authorities have warned citizens to refrain from "leaving too much on things Japanese, except the compliments of the season."—Reuter Special.

CHINESE RECRUITS FOR R.A.

Royal Engineers Also Advertise For Men

Considerable response is being made to the recruiting campaign recently started by the China Command for Chinese men to join the Royal Engineers as Sappers and the Royal Artillery, largely for non-technical work.

Advertisements were put in the vernacular newspapers recently and in consequence there has been a considerable addition to the local establishment of Sappers. The Royal Engineers, incidentally, have for years admitted a limited number of Chinese; this number has now been extended. The recruitment of Chinese is an innovation for the Royal Artillery.

To accommodate the Sappers, a large wooden building is now being erected in the compound of Wellington Barracks.

South African Premier Supports Chamberlain

Capetown, Feb. 24.

Complete confidence in Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his stand in the recent ministerial crisis was expressed by General Hertzog, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, when interviewed to-day. He had nothing to say with regard to the merits of the case concerning the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden, but Mr. Chamberlain had his full support so far as the policy followed by him was concerned, and also with regard to the way adopted by Mr. Chamberlain to execute that policy.—Reuter.

France Will Follow Britain's Lead

New York, Feb. 24.

The new French Ambassador to the United States predicted on arrival here that France would follow suit if Britain recognises the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, and added that the resignation of Mr. Eden would not interfere with the internal policy of France, and the two nations would continue to co-operate for European peace.—Reuter Bulletin.

Egypt Wants To Join Anglo-Italian Talks

Cairo, Feb. 24.

The Egyptian Cabinet has decided to approach the British Government with a request that under Article Six of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, Egypt be invited to participate in the forthcoming Anglo-Italian talks, as the Egyptian Government understands certain questions closely affecting Egypt will be discussed.—Reuter.

Franco Present At Fall Of Bloody Teruel

San Sebastian, Feb. 24.

It is revealed that General Francisco Franco was present at the last stages of the Teruel battle and personally directed the city's occupation.

Insurgents claim to have taken over 10,000 prisoners and to have killed nearly 10,000 in the period between February 5 and 22.—Reuter Special.

DETECTIVE LATE FOR OWN TRIAL

Appears After Jury Dismissed And Warrant Issued

What is believed to be an unprecedented incident in the law history of the Colony happened in the Criminal Sessions this morning when a prisoner, who failed to answer his name when called, made an appearance after the Court had risen and a warrant for his arrest had been ordered.

The prisoner was Detective Chai Chun, who was on trial for the man.—(Continued on Page 4.)

A Quest that began IN A HANDBAG

A HANDBAG slid to the floor scattering the contents—a jumble of make-up consisting of one brand of face powder, another of rouge and a lipstick which did not match it.

It sounds haphazard—it is! Few women have ever known definitely how to enhance their own natural colouring in their make-up, how to select shades that harmonise. Beauty experts have tried to help. They have classified women as blondes or brunettes—but what of those with dark hair and fair skin? They have talked of "skin tones", of "types", but how many women know their own type?

There must be some solution. For months scientists and colourists at the Richard Hudnut Laboratories have studied types of colouring and have made a startling dramatic discovery! Nature has given every woman a personality colour, definitely related to skin and hair pigmentation, a colour influenced by factors of heredity, a colour which never changes. It is the colour of the eyes.

Every woman knows, if her eyes are blue, that she looks her best in a soft blue dress, or if her eyes are brown, that she looks well in orange. It is true of clothes—it is just as true of cosmetics.

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Stars of the stage and screen have tested and endorsed this new make-up. Artists and beauty authorities give it their professional approval. Women with eyes of every colour, blondes, brunettes, redheads, young girls, older women, have tried it, and all agree about the things it does for them.

Matched Make-up is the dernier cri in London and New York.

Does Your Child Dislike School?

By A Teacher

DON'T worry if your child is a general standard of his class and after the week-end. That "Monday morning" feeling is perfectly natural. His teacher suffers from it too, and the only cure is the week's normal round of work and play that follows.

Most healthy children either actually enjoy school, although it is "simply not done" to admit it, or else regard it in the same light as washing behind the ears, or the necessity for clean collars and various other incomprehensible duties of authority.

The child, however, who is "out of sorts" will sometimes evince a dread of school. The strain of lessons and discipline is too much for an ailing youngster, so look for physical symptoms if your son or daughter shows an unusual dislike for school. Keep an eye on your child's health and appetite for a day or two, and take what measures experience dictates.

Defective Eyesight

Defective eyesight, often un-noted by the child and have a word suspected is another frequent cause with their headmaster. He can do of trouble in school-life. A boy who far more, in his impersonal character cannot see the board distinctly, then you can, and there will be like making a fuss about it, and small danger of secret reprisals struggles on unaided. His work afterwards. Remember, bullying is suffers both in neatness and as bad for both victim and culprit, and he ceases to have any interest in his lessons.

Most teachers keep an eye open for his character, but they will be more for such suspects, but in a big class within his scope.

he may be overlooked, so watch for. Fortunately these are the days of spectacles worn to prevent strain of the growing boy and girl. All while the eye-muscles and eye-structure, astrophically speaking, is the are easily damaged, may vary to be like his fellows. A too original often be discarded at twelve years parent can cause agonies to a sense of age, unless, of course, there is five child by dressing him conspicuously more serious defect of vision. cautiously, so save frills and fancy.

No child likes to feel himself a socks for parties and best wear, red-dance, and if he becomes backward member from your own school in certain subjects, due to absence, days how meretricious can be the criticism or misunderstanding, he will develop cism of classmates.

a dislike for lessons. In fact, if you give the matter the teacher will give you information—serious consideration, you will probation on that score, and either a little ably discover that it is up to you coaching at home or extra attention whether your child likes or dislikes at school will bring him up to the school.

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Is your child shy at parties?

by

ANTHONY WEYMOUTH

Do you remember the days before radio and gramophone, when nearly all children learned the piano?

And didn't you pity the small boy or girl who was made to play his five-finger exercises whenever mother had any one to tea?

You'll probably agree now that it was all wrong to make an unwilling child perform before an even less willing visitor.

Parents had the mistaken idea that by submitting a cringing child to the torture of social exposure they were "teaching it to get over its self-consciousness."

But all they were doing was to pile up the repressions which made Tommy even more self-conscious on the next occasion, he was trotted out.

Leave Him

THERE are ways, however, of teaching your child not to be shy.

As self-consciousness is consciousness of one's self, it can best be met (and neutralised) by starting off a child doing only those things in public in which he's really interested.

To compel your child to play the piano, whether he's interested in it or not, is a waste of time and money. If he happens to be really musical he may show a little hesitation in getting away from scratch in public, but he'll soon be taking more notice of the music than of the visitors, and his self-consciousness will have disappeared.

If, on the other hand, he hates singing or piano playing, he'll get it into his head that he's being made to perform for the benefit, not of himself, but of his elders.

If you doubt the truth that absorption of the child's interest is the one important thing to aim at, just do this.

Next time you're at a children's party, note how each new arrival (including your own child) stands, first on one leg, then on the other, looks from lowered lids round the room, hangs its head and clings to the hand of its mother.

Then get your own child to make friends with another. Once this difficult task is safely accomplished, go away for an hour.

You'll see a very different scene when you return. Self-consciousness will have been replaced by self-confidence. Because all the children are doing something in which they're interested.

Now adapt this to your child. Find out what will really interest him before you make him perform in public.

Suppose he loves reading. Well, get him to read aloud, first to you alone, then to you and one other. Then, increase the size of his audience without, of course, drawing his attention to the increase.

grow up realise how sensitive small children may be. We're rather given to look upon them as creatures without emotions, who've got to be treated with a firm hand.

I've never forgotten how a small daughter of mine suffered on one occasion. She was about four at the time and had an adopted "uncle" of whom she was very fond. He

came to a children's party at our house and forgot to dance with her.

Too Late

MARY had to stand alone against the wall, while he danced with other little girls.

At last, a grown-up saw how sad my little girl was looking, and how her eyes were following her "uncle" round the room.

"Don't you see," this woman said to him, "that you're breaking Mary's heart?"

"Uncle" was very penitent and at once crossed the room and asked for a dance.

But Mary her eyes full of tears, shook her head and turned away.

"It's too late now," was all she said.

And yet there are still people who think it right to treat children as if they were merely machines.

I know it's often extremely difficult to hit the happy mean between too much indulgence and undue firmness. All grown-ups (rightly) dislike the spoiled child. But surely we can train our children to think of others without treating them unkindly.

Proud Tommy

HOW are we to deal with those children who are never at their ease with other children, who are awkward and gauche, and who dread parties?

Start by assuming that there's a cause. Then do your best to find out what it is. And at all costs put it right before you force the child into the sort of position which may give him an inferiority complex.

Here's an example. A fond mother spent a lot of money on all kinds of fancy clothes for her only son's Christmas parties. She was well-meaning, but by the time she'd finished poor little Tommy looked something like the Christmas tree itself.

He was too proud to tell his mother that he felt awkward in all his glory. But he did forebodingly resist all her efforts to make him show himself to other boys.

The story has a happy ending. Some wiser person found out what was troubling this small boy. Tommy was dressed like other boys—and lived happily ever after.

So when your boy is awkward with others remember the Herd instinct. We like to be as others are, to look like them, to feel as they do, and to be one among many.

It may be that we make the little chap look silly by the way we speak to him in front of other children. We may be too affectionate—or too domineering.

My goodness, we grown-up have to be careful, don't we?

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SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

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H.K. Banks, \$1,665 b. c. d.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £92 n. ex. div.
Chartered Banks, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £29 n.
Mercantile Bank, C. £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$95 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$200 b.
China Underwriters, \$140 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 b.

Shipping
Douglas, \$50½ n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$11½ n.
Indo-Chinese (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-Chinese (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, \$37½ n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 b.

Docks etc.
H.K. & K. Wharves, \$128½ n.
H.K. W. Docks, \$29½ n.
Provident (old), \$2 n.
Providents (new), 55 cts. b.
New Engineering, \$3.24 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$9.84 n.
Kallian Mining Adm., 15/6 n.
Raubs, \$7 n.
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Atoka, P. 20½ n.
Baguio Gold, P. 23 n.
Benquet Consol., P. 0.80 n.
Benquet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Grove, P. 63 n.
Consolidated Mines, P. 0.11 n.
Demonstrations, P. 39 n.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaua G'fields, P. —
Ipe Gold, P. —
I.T.L., P. 70 n.
Ilogons, P. —
Masbate Consol., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Pacifica Consol., P. 25 n.
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Maurilio, P. 63 n.
Suyoc Consol., P. 20 n.
United Paracales, P. 49 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$6.70 b.
H.K. Lands, \$2 n.
H.K. Lands, 4½ Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, \$7 n.
Metropolitan Lands, \$h.
Humphries, \$8½ n.
H.K. Realities, \$5.50 b.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, \$h.
China Deben, —

Public Utilities
H. K. Tramways, \$14.00 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$0½ n.
Peak Trams (new), \$3½ n.
Yau-mat Ferry (old), \$25.35 n.
China Light (old), \$11.63 b.
China Light (new), \$9 b.
H.K. Electric, \$50 n.
Macao Electric, \$10½ n.
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$25.00 n.
Telephone (new), \$9.70 n.
China Buses, \$h.
Singapore Tractors, 23/- n.
Singapore Prof., 23/6 n.

Industrial
Cald: Macg. (old) \$h. \$14½ n.
Cald: Macg. (Prof.), \$h. \$15 n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$14.85 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.60 n.

Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$25.00 b.
Watsons, \$6.15 n.
Lane Crawford, \$8½ n.
Sinceres, \$1.00 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
William Powell, Ltd. 05 cts. n.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, \$h. \$12½ n.
Shai Cotton (old), \$h. \$35 n.
Zong Sines, \$h.
Wing On Textiles, \$h.
Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$0.25 n.
Constructions, \$1½ b.
Vibro Piling, \$0 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSDs. 65% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 2½% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par n.
Wallace Harpers, 55% b.
Marsmans Ins., (Lon.) s/- 15/- n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 5/- b.

OPIUM DIVAN
OWNERS TAKEN

Charged with keeping an opium divan in Main Street West, Shaikwan, Heung Yau, 55, was fined \$25 with the alternative of two months' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning. On a second charge of possession of 1½ tins of prepared opium, he was fined a further \$75 or two months' hard labour.

Another man, Li Nam, 37, was fined a total of \$50 or three months' hard labour for keeping a floor in Main Street West, Shaikwan, as an opium divan, and for possession of seven tins of prepared opium.

Inspector A. Wright prosecuted.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Honora Charles Pratt, late of Stanley Prison, in the Colony of Hong Kong, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all claims against the estate of the above named deceased must be submitted to the Supt. of Prisons on or before the 11th day of March, 1938.

F. A. HOPKINS,
Superintendent of Prisons.

NOTICE

Hongkong Benevolent Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, March 4, at 12 noon.

His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor will preside.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that on account of transfer to other duties the Power of Attorney issued to George Alfred Flynn, as District Manager for The Texas Company (China) Limited at Hong Kong has been cancelled and recalled.

Similar Power of Attorney has been issued to Daynard Craig Lawrence who has been appointed District Manager at Hong Kong to succeed George Alfred Flynn.

THE TEXAS COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.,
By: P. F. LE FEVRE,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, February 22nd, 1938.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Bldg., on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, 11th March, 1938, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Friday, 4th March, 1938, at 6 p.m.

Business
Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.
Election of Officers and Committee.

Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

R. BALDWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

"VICTORIA THE GREAT" PREVIEWED

Best British Film Since "Henry VIII"

Following its extraordinary success in England and America, the famous film "Victoria the Great" produced and directed by Herbert Wilcox at the Denham Studios in England last summer, with Anna Neagle in the title role, has now reached the Colony. It was previewed at the Queen's Theatre yesterday and will have its Gala Premiere at this theatre tonight. The picture is released here by R.K.O. Radio.

Much has been heard in Hongkong about this film which, at the request of the Federation of British Industries, was shown at the Paris Exposition last September as a worthy representation of the work of British producers. It is everything that it has been made out to be: an affectionate and dignified account of the life of Queen Victoria, from her accession to the throne to the time of her Diamond Jubilee.

Covering as it does nearly the whole of Victoria's reign, the picture must necessarily touch only lightly on some episodes of her life which some historians may think important enough to deserve greater attention by Mr. Wilcox; but a more detailed account would certainly take longer to screen than its present form which requires 113 minutes to show. This picture can be ranked, completely without prejudice, with the best America has produced in recent years, and certainly the best from a British film studio since Alexander Korda's "The Eagle" in 1926.

Every respect, it is a triumph for the British industry. Mr. Wilcox has here proved conclusively that elaborate settings are not the most important ingredients in the making of a really good show. "Victoria the Great" does not depend on these things on its success; in fact, the most noticeable features are clever directing and splendid acting by the players, especially by Anna Neagle in the main role, which calls for a mixture of gaiety and seriousness in the early part and dignity and restraint in the latter. She may appear a trifle affected in her manner as the young and imperious queen; but definitely no fault can be found with her portrayal of the aged queen who has seen her country rise from strength to strength—proud and gracious in turn, and always womanly enough to mourn the death of a husband whom she had learned to love and respect.

Anton Walbrook, as the Prince Consort, has a part which wins sympathy easily. First as a young German prince who is sent to England to be "looked over" by Victoria as a prospective husband, he is amusing, especially in the scenes with the young queen; later he is dignified and rather pathetic as the foreigner whose presence besides the throne is misunderstood and often misrepresented to the queen's subjects. The others in the cast are adequate. R. B. Warner as Lord Melbourne is particularly good, and with dignity; which is as it should be as it deals with the life-story of a beloved sovereign who can still be remembered by many of the living.

Mr. Wilcox has adhered faithfully to historical facts in his presentation. The results are entirely worth while and a valuable contribution to the progress of British films.—M.R.A.

HONGKONG BANK ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR TO-MORROW

The shareholders are reminded that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. meeting takes place to-morrow at 11 a.m. at the head office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central.

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PICKED FIGHT WITH DRIVER

Three men, Yeung Yan, a lorry driver, and two coolies, Chan Kung-chung and Chan Chi-chung, were all bound over in the sum of \$10 each to be of good behaviour for 12 months, when they appeared on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with fighting in Connaught Road West on February 10.

Inspector W. Mair said the cause of the trouble was a small boy, who was being chased by the two coolies. The boy ran towards the lorry, and was struck by the door, which the driver happened to open. The coolies then assaulted the driver, who picked up a bamboo pole and retaliated. Chan Chi-chung was injured on the head, and was sent to hospital for treatment.

The juvenile, who was also arrested, is being dealt with in the juvenile Court.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 24.
New York Cotton
March 0.28/27 0.25/25
May 0.35/35 0.33/34
July 0.45/45 0.39/39
October 0.42/42 0.39/39
December 0.46/47 0.40/40
January 0.46/47 0.40/40
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The First Notice Day for March Cotton is February 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber
March 14.98/09
May 15.22/23 15.15 B
July 15.40/40 15.33/35
September 15.55/52 15.45/47
December 15.73/75 15.68/67
January 15.73 N
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July 89½/89½ 89½/89½
Sept. 89½/89½ 89½/89½
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Chicago Corn
May 50½/50½ 50½/50½
July 51¼/51¼ 51¼/51¼
Sept. 52½/52½ 52½/52½
Winnipeg Wheat
May 128½/128½ 128½/128½
July 119/119
Oct. 98½/98½

CONSCRIPTION PROMISE RE-AFFIRMED

London, Feb. 24.
The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons at question time that so far as the present Government was concerned, his pledge not to introduce conscription in peace time, applied to compulsory service both military and civil.—British Wireless.

POSSESSED DUTABLE TOBACCO

Kwan Tat, 52, was fined \$6 or three weeks' hard labour in default when he was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with the possession of two pounds of dutiable tobacco at Queen's Road West, near Possession Street. Inspector W. Mair prosecuted.

U.S. PLANES FOR HOLLAND

Burbank, Cal., Feb. 24.
The Lockheed company announces delivery of luxurious transport planes to the Royal Dutch airline, the first of eight having already been accepted. The cost of the planes is \$1,000,000 and constitutes the largest foreign order Lockheed has obtained.—United Press.

DETECTIVE LATE FOR OWN TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1.)

slaughter of a suspect named Chan Sun at the Shamshulpo Police Station on August 31 last.

His trial, which was commenced yesterday, was to have been resumed at 10 a.m. to-day but when the time arrived he was not present. After waiting for ten minutes, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, enquired of Mr. J. Whyatt, Assistant Attorney-General, who prosecuted, if any useful purpose would be served by retaining the Jury. Mr. Whyatt replied that he did not think so, whereupon His Lordship ordered that a warrant for the arrest of prisoner be issued and his bail of \$250 be estimated.

His Lordship said he was reluctant to keep the Jury indefinitely, but suggested adjourning until the prisoner to ascertain whether prisoner would be available by then. Mr. Whyatt remarked it was a speculation and he could not express any opinion on that.

The Chief Justice then said the only course to adopt was to discharge the Jury and ordered the Sessions be closed. In the event of prisoner being arrested, he would be tried before a new Jury in the next Sessions.

About five minutes after His Lordship had left the Court, prisoner turned up, saying that he thought the trial would not be resumed until 10.30 a.m.

His Lordship was consulted in his Chambers and it was later learned that prisoner had been ordered to be arrested on the Bench warrant and be kept in custody until his trial at the next Sessions.

Prisoner was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Jr., on the instructions of Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

AUSTRIA PREPARED TO FIGHT

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dom and independence of the Fatherland.
The German-Austrian wants to serve the German people as a good German and as a loyal Austrian, co-operating in a common destiny all the Germans, but within the Austrian frontier.
The new Government aimed, without party ties, at combining all political tendencies under an authoritative head.

His visit to Berchtesgaden was a milestone towards peace. Austria stands or falls with its German mission. The making of peace after five years of civil strife was the sense and purpose of the Berchtesgaden talks.—Reuter.

SCHUSCHNIGG WILDLY GREETED

Dr. Schuschnigg, in the course of his speech, referred to the Berchtesgaden agreement and said: "We realize we have come to the limit. Referring to the Jewish question, the Chancellor declared that all citizens are equal before Austrian law and shall remain so. He denied that Italy had been let down by Austria, and emphasised that Herr Hitler had given an assurance that no further interference of Austrian domestic life would occur."

After his speech, Dr. Schuschnigg headed a procession of 50,000. It was the most enthusiastic demonstration seen in Vienna for many years. Groups of patriotic formations shouted: "Down with Austria-Nazis," "For free Austria," and "Heil Schuschnigg!" Isolated groups of Nazis tried to disturb the demonstration with the result there were scuffles, but no serious clashes.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ACE HEADS INTERNATIONAL GROUP IN FIRST AIR FORAY

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tivity in the air in future he maintains his customary silence.
He rises daily at 5 a.m. and returns at dusk, generally weary and worn, apparently having made a long flight to some objective. He had a narrow escape recently at Pengu where, understanding the Japanese had no anti-aircraft guns, he suddenly found himself in the midst of a hail of tracer-bullets, three of which struck the plane before he could elude the marksmen.

Every night Schmidt studies the war maps for the next day's adventure.

He is well aware of the American law against volunteering but the United States authorities say that officially they do not know of his presence in China.—United Press.

Japanese Planes Destroyed

Chengchow, Feb. 25.
A squadron of Chinese planes made a surprise raid yesterday on the aerodrome at Hsinhsiang, junction of the Peking-Hankow Railway and the Taokou-Chinghua Railway, which is now under Japanese military occupation, destroying four Japanese planes on the ground.
An ammunition train at the railway station was also effectively bombed by the Chinese raiders, though the extent of the damage cannot be ascertained.

All Chinese planes returned to their base safely.—Central News.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station.—Somali, Nordvind, Ninghal, Nancy, Miller, Seistan, Haitan, Taybank, Conte Verde and Minco Maru.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 27th January.	Hakusan Maru	February 25.
Swatow	Chengtu	February 26.
Shanghai	Glenapp	February 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Montevideo Maru	February 26.
Japan	Neuchang	February 26.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	February 26.
Straits	Aeneas	February 27.
Straits	Anhui	February 27.
Haiphong	Canton	February 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Gneissau	February 27.
Japan and Formosa	Hakusan Maru	February 27.
Haiphong, Fakhon and Hallow	Szechuen	February 27.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsina	February 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday		
*Straits and Calcutta	Santha	Fri., Feb. 25.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 8th March	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Feb. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Conte Verde	Fri., Feb. 25, 5.00 p.m.
Formosa and Japan	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Poochow via Amoy	Tincoera	Fri., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island, 10th March.	Kamo Maru	Fri., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th March.	Somali	Fri., Feb. 25, 5.30 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Saturday		
Sanshui and Wuchow	Taiming	Sat., Feb. 26, 6.15 a.m.
Air Mail for Stan, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (to further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 26, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Haiyang	Sat., Feb. 26, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Montevideo Maru	Sat., Feb. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *E. & *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th March.	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Feb. 26, 4.15 p.m.
Manila, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Egypt and parcels for Germany only via Hamburg	Gneissau	Sat., Feb. 26, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Poochow (via Amoy)	Van Heutz	Sat., Feb. 26, 5 p.m.
Airmail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 13th March.	Gustav Diederichsen	Sat., Feb. 26, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 7th March.	Imperial Airways Plane Sat., Feb. 26.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Air Mail for Australia by the Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Darwin, 6th March.	Imperial Airways Plane Sat., Feb. 26.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.

For	Per	Date and Time
Sunday		
*Swatow and Shanghai	Kaying	Sun., Feb. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Yingchow	Sun., Feb. 27, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Seistan	Sun., Feb. 27, 9 a.m.
Saigon	Gustav Diederichsen	Sun., Feb. 27, 9 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Monday		
Sanshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Mon., Feb. 28, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Chankang	Mon., Feb. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Mon., Feb. 28, 11 a.m.
Japan	Suisang	Mon., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweli, Kweliang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service".	C.N.A.C. Plane	Mon., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Mon., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mon., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mon., Feb. 28, 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 24.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets.
Most attention to-day was centered in the European situation. Traders generally viewed developments as indirectly lessening the risk of war and heightening the possibility of a European rapprochement, which should result in an expansion of world trade. The market was interested in the Treasury statement of a deficit for the fiscal year of above one billion dollars, but this is only approximately half that of the corresponding previous fiscal year. Trade news was flat. Car-loadings showed a decline, while bank-clearings fell for the 15th consecutive week. Engineering awards were below those of the corresponding period of last year.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market impressively absorbs realising. We expect moderate technical reaction, followed by a renewed rally. The quarterly dividend of Anaconda Copper has been cut from 50 cents to

Japanese Drive Checked West of Tsining

INVADERS MASSING ON YELLOW RIVER BUT CANNOT CROSS

Powerful Resistance In Shansi Slows Progress

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

Japanese troops claim the capture of Kiasing, a town 15 miles west of Tsining, but all attempts by the Japanese forces in this sector to penetrate further southward towards the Lunghai railway, appear to have been held up by effective Chinese resistance.

Meanwhile increasing numbers of Japanese troops are massing at various points on the north bank of the Honan stretch of the Yellow River, but so far no crossing has been effected.

Japanese passage to the south bank, where strong Chinese forces are massed, would mark a new phase in the hostilities which now are virtually deadlocked, except in Shansi, where the Japanese continue to hammer spearheads further into the southern section of the province.

The Chinese are trying to checkcountering more powerful resistance the Japanese advance with counter-attacks, but hitherto no notable success has been achieved.

At the same time no decisive developments have occurred either on the Tsining city, 30 miles south-west of Tientsin-Pukow railway, but the hands several times during the last absence of any headway by the Japanese suggests that they are en-by both Chinese and Japanese forces.

Alteration In H.K. Air Mail Schedule

The introduction of the Empire Flying Boats on the route from England to Singapore has necessitated an alteration in the Hongkong-Bangkok service and next week will leave Hongkong for home.

The Delphinus, which is at present here, having arrived last Monday, will leave according to the old schedule on Sunday. The Daedalus will arrive with inward mails on Monday and will leave on the return trip to Bangkok on Tuesday. The Daedalus will return here again on Friday and leave on Tuesday the following week. Thereafter that will be the regular service arriving on Friday and leaving on Tuesday each week.

The introduction of the new air mail scheme whereby all first class mail matter between England and Singapore is carried by air will not effect Hongkong yet. Letters for England will continue to travel all the way by steamer unless sent air mail at the surcharge rate.

The Japanese troops, according to military reports, withdrew to the east of the city on the night of February 23 in the face of a fierce counter-offensive by the Chinese forces, but in view of the difficulty of defending the city after the demolition of all defence works during repeated engagements, the Chinese forces have not yet entered it.—Central News.

Kwangteh, Feb. 25. The Chinese counter-attack on Wushing, on the southern shore of the Taihu Lake, has been intensified following the recapture of Tsinghsan-shih, a strategic point 20 kilometres south of Wushing, on February 23, according to information from military sources.

Besides strengthening their defence works around the city, the Japanese troops at Wushing have damaged the highways and bridges in the vicinity.—Central News.

RECALLED GENERAL WELCOMED

Tokyo, Feb. 25. Acclaimed by thousands, General Iwane Matsui returned here yesterday afternoon. He was met at the station by representatives of the Army, Navy and the Cabinet. Prince Asaka, commander of the expeditionary force, and Lieutenant-General Yanagawa, commander of the Hangchow Bay landing force, who were recalled at the same time as General Matsui, are arriving today. All three men will later today report to the Emperor on the military situation in Central China. General Matsui is submitting detailed reports on military matters, and Prince Kanin, chief of the Army General Staff and War Minister, is also submitting important suggestions on recent events in China to the Premier and the Army.—Reuter.

Test Plane Feared Lost In England

Three Men Aboard

London, Feb. 24. A Royal Air Force plane, practising for a world long-distance flight, which left Upper Heyford for a flight round Britain, with three members of the Air Force aboard, is missing. It was last heard of at 8 p.m. off Rothbury, in Northumberland.

The machine is a Vickers-Wellesley, and the occupants are Flight-Lieut. P. S. Gardner, Flying-Officer G. A. D. Thomson, who had been chosen by the Air Ministry to attempt the record flight, and Sergeant George Hicks.—Reuter.

China Sends Protest To Herr Hitler

Hankow, Feb. 25. Late yesterday the Chinese Government lodged a protest with Herr Adolf Hitler as Chancellor of Germany, in connection with the German recognition of Manchukuo.—United Press.

STOLE IRON GIRDERS

Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was imposed on Au Wing, 32, unemployed, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was charged with the theft of 28 lengths of thin iron girders from the Wing Lee building contractor's yard, King's Road. Sub-Inspector H. G. Hallam said defendant was seen carrying the girders along the road, and he was stopped and questioned.

Warships To Visit Manila From Colony

Nine warships of the China Squadron of the Royal Navy are visiting Manila within the next three weeks, on annual cruises to various ports in the Far East.

H.M.S. Otus and Odlin, of the submarine flotilla, have already arrived at the Philippines capital, and will remain there until Tuesday.

H.M. destroyers Duncan, Defender, Dainty and Diamond will arrive in Manila on March 4 and remain until March 12.

The aircraft carrier Eagle and H.M.S. Diana will call at Manila between April 3 and April 12.

In addition to the visit to Manila, other ships of the Chinese Squadron now on tour will call at various centres. H.M.S. Medway, and the submarines Regent and Regulus are due at Sourabaya to-day and will remain until March 3. They will be followed by the destroyer Westcott and submarines Orpheus and Proteus between March 8 and 14.

The destroyer flotilla and submarines Rainbow and Grampus are visiting French Indo China until next Monday.

TARANTULA TO VISIT MACAO

IN PORT FOR THE CARNIVAL

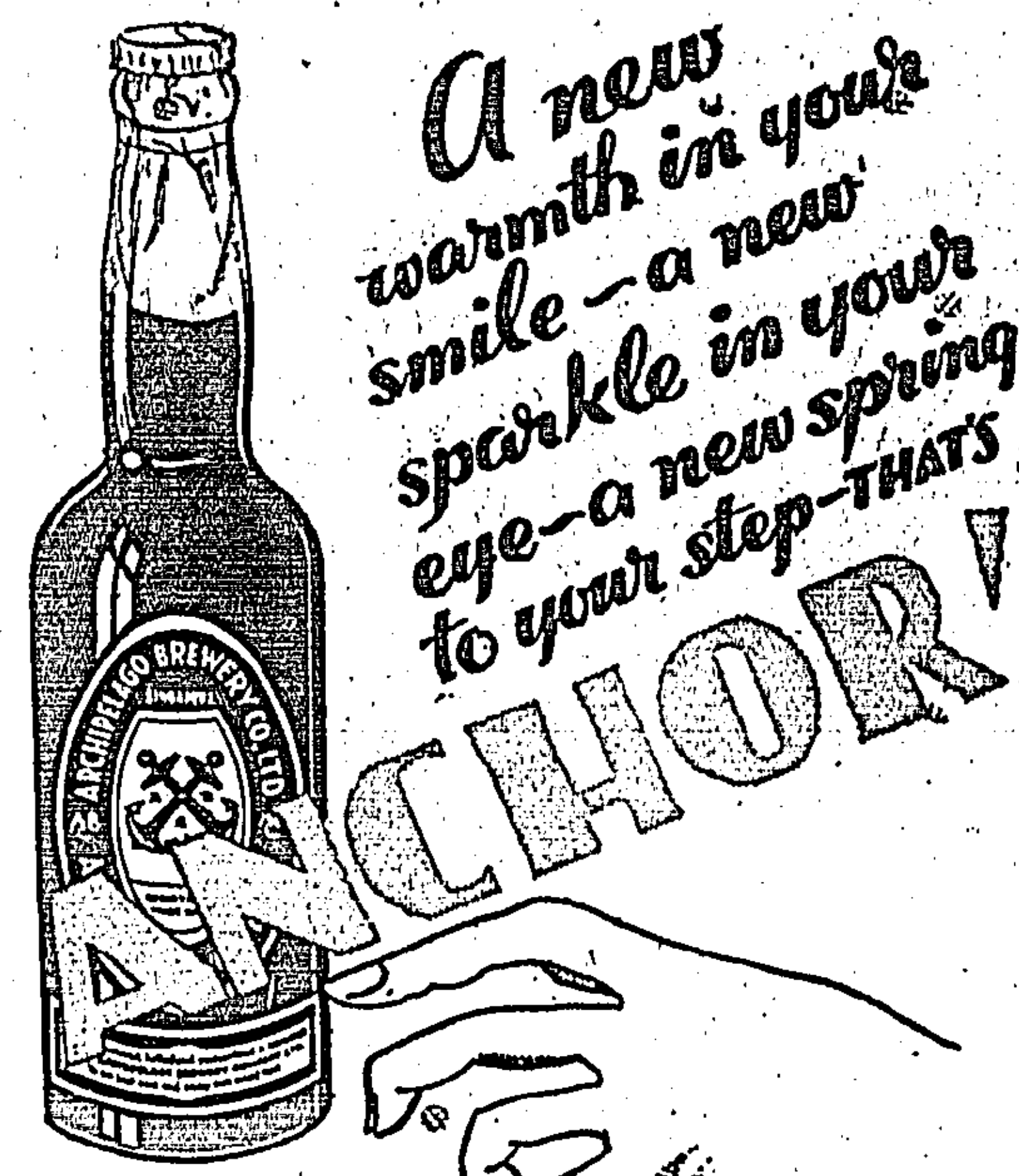
Macao, Feb. 24. Under the command of Commander Cunningham-Graham, H.M.S. Tarantula will be visiting Macao during the coming week-end. The British warship will be arriving from Canton on Saturday morning and the usual official calls will be exchanged. The officers of the Tarantula will be the guests of Mr. F. J. Gellion, British Vice Consul for Macao, and Mrs. Gellion to dinner on Saturday evening. Commander Cunningham-Graham is being accompanied by Mrs. Cunningham-Graham. The officers will also attend the Carnival celebrations which are being held in the Macao Club on Saturday night.

On Monday afternoon, officers and men will be present at the soccer match which is being played between the Islington Corinthians and an all-Macao eleven.

H.M.S. Tarantula will leave the port on Tuesday morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

SOFIA LEADERS ARRESTED

Sofia, Feb. 24. Fifty prominent party leaders, including seven former Ministers, were arrested this evening at a secret meeting in the house of the ex-Minister M. Vassileff. They were discussing alleged terrorism by the present regime in connection with the election, and preparing a united protest which was to be delivered to the King. All of the arrested men were prospective candidates in the election.—Reuter.



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NEW OPPONENT FOR LOUIS

New York, Feb. 24. The Joe Louis v. Jimmy Adamick fight has been cancelled because Adamick's manager refused to agree to the contest. Instead Louis will be fighting Harry Thomas on April 1 in Chicago. Thomas recently lost to Adamick on points. Louis is receiving 40 per cent. of the receipts, and Thomas 12 1/2.—Reuter.

R.A.M.C. DANCE TO-MORROW

It was incorrectly announced this morning that the R.A.M.C. Association dance would be held at the Peninsula Hotel to-night. It is the Garrison Annual Ball which is being given this evening. It is an invitation dance. The R.A.M.C. Assn. ball is to be held Saturday.

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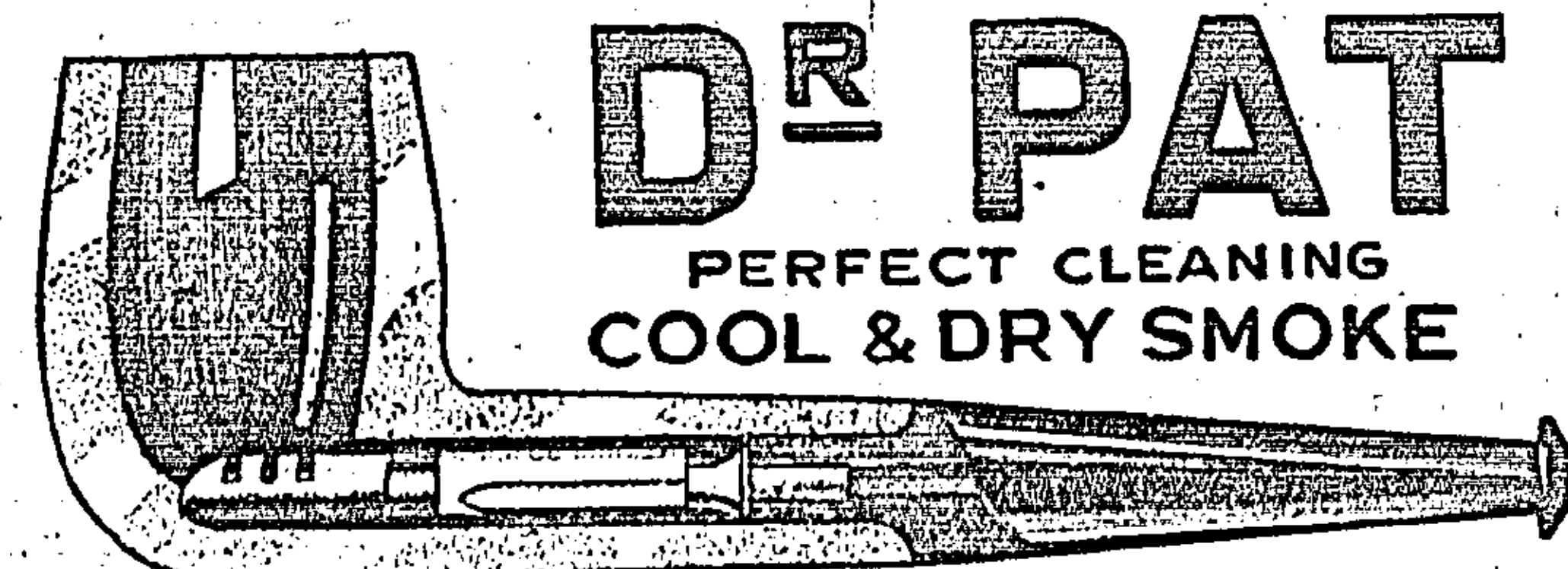
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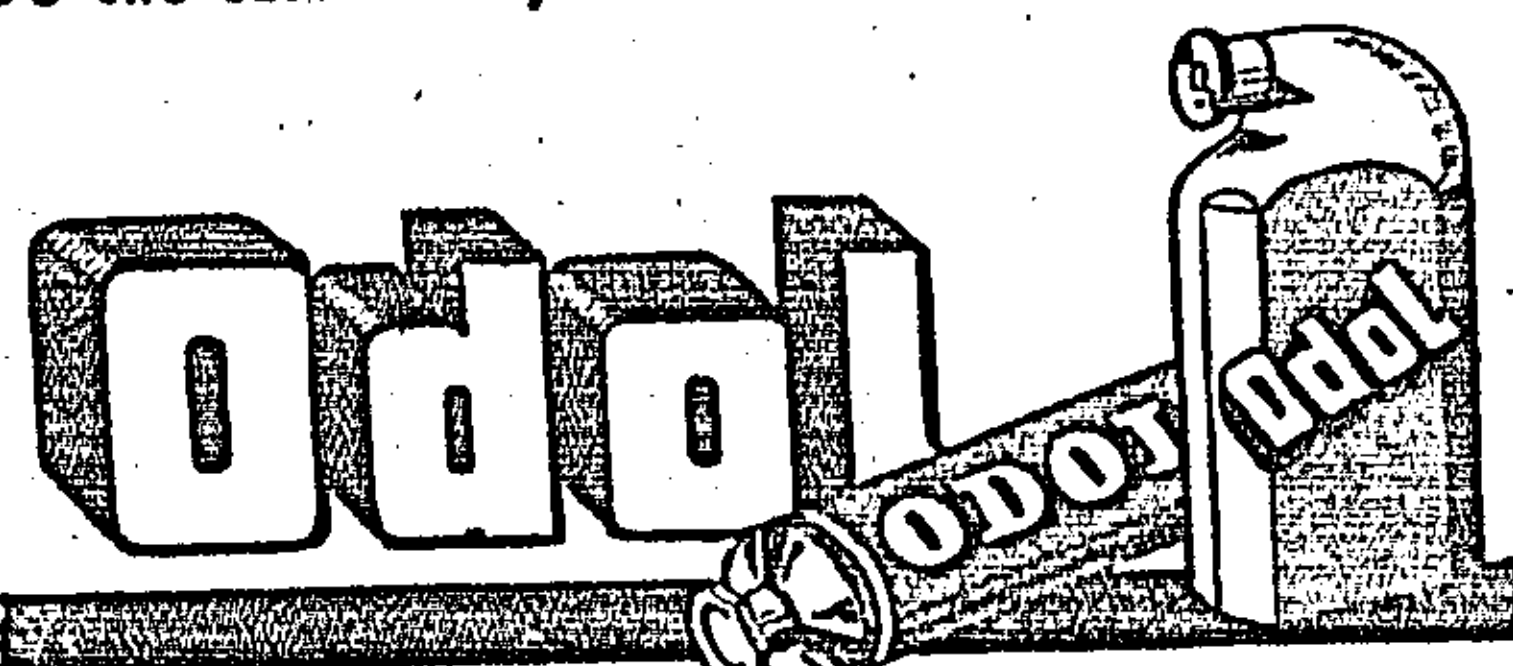
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PUBLIC STILL GUESSING

Whether he has done it deliberately or not, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has indirectly offered a further explanation for the action of Mr. Anthony Eden in resigning from the office of Foreign Secretary. He has frankly declared that the League of Nations cannot be depended upon to preserve the peace of the world or the security of any nation, large or small. The implication is that the former Foreign Secretary quarrelled with this assumption. And since Mr. Eden himself has said that his disagreement with the Prime Minister went beyond the matter of the Anglo-Italian conversations, and was concerned with the fundamental principles of foreign policy, it is quite possible that this is the true explanation of the "Cabinet split." However, this is still conjecture. The clear reasons for Mr. Eden's disturbing action, for some reason or other, have not been brought forward. One naturally wonders why. The British public is left to guess.

Mr. Lloyd George's probing questions in the House of Commons, and the characteristic charge that the Prime Minister had done something not quite fair in dealing with Mr. Eden's case, give an indication of the suspicions that exist in some quarters that Mr. Eden's resignation was not wholly of his own seeking. The suggestion is that Mr. Chamberlain, in spite of his friendly regrets which followed Mr. Eden's decision to resign, was anxious to get rid of his Foreign Secretary. It would appear that the Prime Minister realised that as long as Mr. Eden remained in office the success of negotiations with Italy, and possibly with Germany, would be jeopardised. Thus the Labour charge that Mr. Eden's resignation is a victory for the dictators of Europe is explained.

Mr. Lloyd George charged that Mr. Chamberlain was aware, on Sunday, that the Italian Government would agree to the British formula in connection with the proposed conversations, aimed at a general appeasement. He suggested that the Prime Minister did not communicate this information to Mr. Eden. Mr. Chamberlain declared he had given the facts to the Cabinet. Mr. Eden rose in the House to say that as long as he was in office he had not been informed of the Italian communication. This exchange leaves an unpleasant doubt in the minds of those who admire Mr. Chamberlain and sympathise with Mr. Eden.

Did Mr. Chamberlain yield to pressure, directly or indirectly brought to bear from abroad? Perhaps it does not matter very much; though it would be interesting to know the truth.

CRISIS, like a monstrous crow, flies up and hides the sky in Hollywood.

Yesterday, the sun was shining, every one boasted of million dollar grosses; to-day, it's black, men talk in whispers and pass on rumours.

They know crisis in Hollywood. The scandal crisis. Talkies. The Great Depression. But this one beats them all. I have a cable on the table; a phrase stands out:—ONLY OSTRICHES HERE DENY IT.

This is what's happening in Hollywood to-day.

There's a major box-office slump. 1937 stars, pictures, aren't drawing as they should.

The foreign market, on which producers depend for 5d. in their shilling, is vanishing like summer snow. Britain, worth £10,000,000 a year, threatens to take that profit away.

Costs skyrocket. An example. In 1912 they made "The Prisoner of Zenda" and paid out £2,400. The star, James K. Hackett, got £600.

This year, they make the story again, and pay out something like £320,000. The star, Ronald Colman, gets £30,000.

Trade unions adopt a dictator attitude. William Biss, mouth-piece of labour boss George Browne, boasts that their organisation has cost the producers £1,200,000 a year since they started.

Pat Casey, hired by the producers as their go-between with labour, admits that his yearly salary is £17,500. Minimum wage for studio workers is 7s. an hour; average is £4 a day.

So what? you say (having—acquired—the—pression from film-going). How does that affect me? I cannot see how Hollywood's domestic problems are my worry too.

Let me try again. The slump is one. The panic is approaching peak. The old hands are saying they've never seen anything like it in the quarter-century history of the place. (It's just like pub talk of the black frost of 1897.) At once, a desperate economy wave is started.

A few more facts of the moment:—Most 1938 epics, planned to cost £250,000 to £500,000, are cancelled.

The Warner Brothers start the ball rolling. Jack Warner, to whom I was talking a fortnight ago at Teddington, hurries home with bad news from Europe.

It's too late for him to shave budgets on "Robin Hood" with Errol Flynn, or "Hollywood Hotel," a radio-musical, or "Gold is Where You Find It" (all pegged at the £200,000 mark), but

What is certain is that the Prime Minister is following a course which he believes will appease Europe, even though by his manoeuvres Britain has already lost a great Foreign Secretary, and may lose something more.

Mr. Chamberlain probably justifies his actions with the contention that peace, if it can be won, is worth much greater sacrifice. Unfortunately it is by no means certain that appeasement is the right way to permanent security. It too frequently requires retreat and may involve surrender. It may be good enough for the protection of one generation. But what about the next? There is a limit to compromise. Mr. Chamberlain has something bigger than England and a general election to remember. He is largely responsible for an Empire of several hundred millions, and its future.

And now Hollywood has got the Jitters

by
PAUL HOLT

he stops all future plans and takes quite a slice off Miss Carole Lombard's "Scandal," due to start this week.

World's greatest film studio, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, acts too. Norma Shearer's comeback film, "Marie Antoinette," is allowed to go ahead with a budget of £400,000.

This may be due to sentiment, a last tribute to her husband, Irving Thalberg, the greatest producer Hollywood has known; it may be due to the fact that Miss Shearer is a large stockholder. I suspect the former.

All other films are stopped and trimmed.

THE great studios stop work while executives fly to the coast and argue—men with names like Nate Blumberg, Phil Reisman, Barney Balaban, Leo Spits... grand old Hollywood names. They book berths on transcontinental planes and fly west to catch the crisis young.

Again, do I hear a customer say, So what? There are films to be made to keep the cinemas open. There are the stars to make them. The man power's still there, and the demand. How can I suffer?

This way, sir. They've been existing for a year past out there on borrowed star-power. Ronald Colman, Carole Lombard, Claudette Colbert have been bartered between studios at fantastic prices. There aren't enough money-making names to go round, either; so that you find adult producers playing swops... one "Hunchback of Notre Dame" is worth one Robert Montgomery and £25,000. Frantic, they are, to get new twists, new moneymaking combinations.

Are you going to like Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer together? You'd better; they cost the Warners, who team them in "Tovarich," £50,000, and the story cost £30,000 more.

Perhaps you are a simple soul, like me, and are content just with Claudette Colbert or Charles Boyer; but they don't trust us any more. Hence "Tovarich" costs £300,000. Hence the crisis.

I HAVE a friend in Hollywood (who hasn't, it is the most friendly town when business is good) and he has been sending me some figures. Dull things they are, figures, to be sure unless they are big enough, and these are more than big....

There are eighty-eight companies making films there; eight big ones, eighty little fleas upon their backs. In the past year, June 1936 to June 1937, they turned out 588 feature pictures which cost them just about £33,000,000 to make.

Man power totalled 28,000 workers on a weekly wage in the studios and that weekly wage came to £335,000. Multiply that by forty (that's the average working year out there; they have a twelve weeks' holiday, mostly without pay) and you get an annual wage bill of £14,200,000.

Probably higher. When Winfield Sheehan was boss of Fox and making pictures like "Seventh Heaven," "What Price Glory?" and "Cavalcade" he reckoned to spend not more than £2,760,000 a year on forty-eight pictures. Now, he says, the price of that number of pictures is more than double.

I AGREE: I'm tired of figures too. Let us play a game.

Pick a picture. No, no, any picture; I don't want to force one on you. "Lost Horizon." "Illegals, Wide and Handsome." "The Garden of Allah." Yes, "The Garden of Allah," that will do nicely. It illustrates nearly every detail of the problem, while offending wildly in none.

"The Garden of Allah" is made by David Selznick with borrowed stars. First he borrows Merle Oberon from Sam Goldwyn; then he borrows Charles Boyer. Then he decides, quite rightly, that Merle Oberon and Charles Boyer are not ideal romantic foils, in that the picture is planned in colour, and both are dark. So he asks Miss Oberon to excuse him and hires Marlene Dietrich.

At which Miss Oberon says, but politely, "Oh, You can't do things like that. Whatever may be the reason, it's going to look to the great big world as if I'm not suitable to colour films. And that, Mr. Selznick, is less than the truth." At which she sues him. And he pays her a lot of money.

So, Mrs. Dietrich, who is a good traffic holder-upper, but a better business woman, reflects to herself:—If this Selznick is not only willing to pay Miss Oberon all that money NOT to appear in this picture, so that I may, and, in addition, will hire me away from my own company, it must be worth more to him that I SHOULD act in his philosophy than that Miss Oberon should not.

And she asks plenty. And, knowing that her price for "Knight Without Armour" is £70,000 and then some, and that she asks Herbert Wilcox enough to cover £80,000 to be Madame Tussaud, I feel I am being reticent in putting her price to Mr. Selznick at £60,000.

Now if you were Mr. Boyer and saw all this going on, what would you do about it? Mind you, I'm not saying he did it; I'm just putting myself in his place.

Add to which the fact that "The Garden of Allah" is an old story and therefore needs rewriting more than a new story (don't ask me why) and that it is a desert location job, and in colour, and you may join me in understanding why this film cost a quarter of a million. Instead of £100,000. Maybe it'll make a profit at £250,000, but not such a big profit as it would make at £100,000.

POSTSCRIPT: I feel that all this has been a bit depressing. So here is a man on the telephone to say that M.-G.-M. have bought the screen rights of the London play hit "Balalaika," that Nelson Eddy and a new Hungarian songbird Ilona Massey will lead, supported by Roy Bolger and Edna May Oliver. That, if I like, I can fix the purchase price somewhere between £25,000 and £30,000. I like to finish on a happy note.

THE "VERY IDEA"

Ed. Kelly
As Has The
Jitters
(See Above)

By Eddie Kelly, Crawler

SPEAKING of marriage reminds us that Hongkong has never had a "Be Kind to Worms" week.

We know a man who was so cruel to worms that the Magistrate sent him to prison for a week. He used to put a worm's tail in its mouth and watch it swallow itself.

And to think that that man was once an innocent little babe, lounging about on his mother's knee!

As for us, we can say with a certain amount of pride that we have never had worms.

There are two kinds of worms. Long worms and short worms.

The long worms are distinguished from the short worms, because the head of the short worm is invariably closer to the tail than the head of the long worm.

It has long puzzled scientists how the worm finds a hole to fit in.

Nature in its awful wisdom has provided holes of various sizes in Hongkong. All the worm has to do is to tramp about until he finds a hole to fit in.

The grub is very close to the worm, and can quite easily be mistaken for a worm by anyone who has never seen a worm.

The only difference between the two is that one has more legs, and more hair on its chest, than the other. The grub is also better upholstered.

Some grubs may be found underneath logs, although how the devil the little chaps balance these great, big trees has got us puzzled.

We cannot speak with any authority, but we presume that the grub lies on its back and then pulls the log over itself.

The centipede is really an armour-plated worm, equipped with a knife and fork at one end.

It has an incalculable number of legs, and how it keeps in step? We won't bother about trying to explain that. Once you start thinking about such things, you go mad, and run round in circles barking like a dog.

PROPHETS OF DOOM

A FAVOURITE device of those gloomy prophets who foretell the doom of our present civilisation is to create the lone figure of some tourist from another part of the world who gazes sorrowfully on all that is left of our once great age.

This "lone tourist" has quite a long and respectable literary pedigree, the example which comes most readily to mind being Macaulay's "New Zealander." Macaulay concludes a fine rhetorical passage on Burke's "History of the Popes" as follows:—

And she (the Church) may still exist in undiminished vigour when some traveller from New Zealand, in the midst of a vast solitude, takes his stand on a broken arch of London Bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's.

Although Macaulay's "New Zealander" achieved wide popularity, the idea was by no means new. This picture of a solitary stranger sadly gazing on the ruins of the civilisation we know and think so permanent has exercised a strong fascination over many writers.

Shelley, for example, in dedicating "Peter Bell the Third" to Thomas Moore writes:—

"In the firm expectation that when London shall be a habitation of bitterns, when St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey shall stand shapeless and nameless ruins in the midst of an unpeopled marsh, when the piers of Westminster Bridge shall become the nuclei of islets of reeds and osiers and cast the jagged shadows of their

broken arches on the solitary stream, some Transatlantic commentator &c."

Horace Walpole, in a letter to Sir Horace Mann in 1774, says:—

"For my part, I take Europe to be worn out. When Voltaire dies we may say, 'Good-night.' The next Augustan age will dawn on the other side of the Atlantic. There will perhaps be a Thucydides at Boston, a Xenophon at New York, and, in time, a Virgil at Mexico, and a Newton at Peru. At last some curious traveller from Lima will visit England and give a description of the ruins of St. Paul's like the editions of Balaice and Falmay."

Readers to-day will find these 150-years-old references to Europe being played out oddly familiar, and perhaps even comforting. For what has survived the gloomy forebodings of so many prophets, may perhaps survive even anticipations of Mr. H. G. Wells.

Goldsmith's Dream

Goldsmith, also, in his "Citizen of the World," refers to London fading away some day, and, again, "The sorrowful traveller wanders over the awful ruins."

Nowadays, of course, this solitary surveyor of our ruined civilisation comes from another planet, New Zealand, Lima, and other Transatlantic places being much less remote than they were. The use of this melancholy observer no doubt fulfils its purpose of joggling us into some sort of realisation of the evils of our time, but one cannot help feeling that the writers seem to enjoy depicting our future downfall and describe the particulars with unparelleled gusto.

B. B. M.

MANILA AS POTENTIAL CENTRE OF FAR EAST

Roosevelt And McNutt To Discuss Possibilities

Washington, Feb. 24. Official sources indicated that one subject scheduled for discussion in the series of conferences between President F. D. Roosevelt and Mr. Paul McNutt, High Commissioner for the Philippines, is the commercial potentiality of the Philippines, inclusive of the possibility of the promotion of Manila as the Oriental trans-shipment centre.

Mr. McNutt indicated that he would inform the White House that the Philippines was of potential importance to the United States as the Oriental "jumping off place."

Other sources indicated that Mr. McNutt was likely to suggest the advisability of the United States co-operation in the development of Manila as a Far Eastern entrepot, especially in view of the commercial and international uncertainties of Shanghai.

Mr. McNutt declined further explanation of his views regarding the development of Manila, but it is believed he will present a complete report on the subject.

MAY BECOME GREAT AIR DEPOT
It is known that the High Commissioner was much interested in the recent trip of Manila businessmen to Shanghai in an attempt to interest Shanghai businessmen to go to Manila.

Mr. McNutt, as well as many Oriental observers, are convinced that the development of commercial trans-Oceanic flying will reduce the former geographical difficulty to Manila, and will make it of increasing importance as a trans-shipment port. Many consider that most express cargo will in the future travel by air, and as a result, Manila has potential importance as an air depot, and would also influence the routes of ship cargoes.

Experts also stressed the strategic importance of Manila as a commercial gateway to the East Indies. Commercial heads drew attention to the fact that if commercial trans-Oceanic returns to Shanghai it would restrict Manila's potentialities, but if the Japanese establish commercial restrictions in Shanghai and otherwise discourage foreign enterprise, Manila's chances are much better.

Mr. McNutt announced today that he would confer with Filipino members of the joint committee on Friday morning. He said the Filipinos had asked for a meeting to discuss the present aspect of the Philippine situation in the light of Oriental developments, on which Mr. McNutt had reported to President Roosevelt.

Gun Battle In Streets Of Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 25. A dramatic gun battle followed the bombing of the Hwai Mei Wan Pao last evening. Immediately the bomb exploded, three Chinese policemen and a plainclothes detective opened fire on the two terrorists. After an exchange of fire one of the terrorists was dead. Four bystanders, including a woman, were found wounded by stray bullets.

Wild excitement reigned during the engagement as pedestrians dashed for cover.

The force of the exploding bomb which landed inside the vestibule of the newspaper office blew out the glass in the doorways and caused considerable damage to the office, which is now guarded by about a dozen Chinese policemen.—*Reuter*.

Almost at the same time as the Hwai Mei Wan Pao was bombed last night, a hand grenade was thrown at the home of Mr. L. Z. Yuan, Chinese editor of the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury.

Very little damage was done and no one was injured.

Mr. Yuan, who received a number of threats from terrorists, left Shanghai recently for Hongkong.—*Reuter*.

Stock Market Depressed

London, Feb. 24. The London Stock Exchange was quieter, but the undertone was rather gloomy. Industrialists provided several bright features, but gilt-edged holdings and most other sections were quietly irregular.

Commodities and wheat were firmer on continued demand, but copper was depressed by offerings of electrolytic from America. Tin eased and weakened further owing to profit-taking.

Wall Street foreign exchanges were disappointing, the franc undertone being nervous pending the forthcoming foreign affairs debate in the Chamber. Wall Street was irregular.—*Reuter Special*.

LORD PERTH ARRIVES IN LONDON

London, Feb. 24. The Earl of Perth, British Ambassador in Rome, arrived in London this evening to receive his instructions with a view to the opening in Rome, on his return, of the Anglo-Italian conversations.—*British Wireless*.

Anglo-Irish Trade Pact To Be Sought

Conversations Show Promise Of Results

London, Feb. 24. British political circles anticipate that the Anglo-Irish discussions will result in a trade agreement unhampered by political difficulties. It is gathered that there is by no means any solution to the problems of partition and defence in sight, but it is thought that a trade agreement is near, and will be treated as a separate issue, apart from political considerations.

The Irish delegation has at present tentatively arranged to return to Dublin on Saturday and to resume the discussions on Thursday next. Mr. Eamon De Valera will be busy in Dublin on Monday and Tuesday in connection with the election of the new Senate, and he will return to London on Wednesday.

North Ireland members of Parliament, who saw Mr. De Valera today, made a statement to him in which they told Mr. De Valera that one third of the countries in North Ireland desired union. The Belfast Government, disclaiming responsibility for this situation, Mr. De Valera promised to bring the attention of the British Government to these facts.—*Reuter*.

MALCOLM MACDONALD AND DE VALERA TALK

London, Feb. 24. Following further talks among the Anglo-Irish officials on the question of trade and finance, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, had an interview with Mr. De Valera, after which Mr. MacDonald announced that there would be no plenary meetings of the two delegations today.

Later the full team of Ministers, apart from Mr. De Valera, participated in further trade talks in the House of Commons.

Four Nationalist leaders from Northern Ireland called on Mr. De Valera to press the case against partition.—*Reuter*.

SERIOUS BREACH BY CAR DRIVER

TOLD MAN HE STRUCK NOT TO REPORT

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Lo Ha-chi, driver of a public car, when he was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court for failing to report an accident in Des Voeux Road West on January 29.

Traffic-Sergeant M. Clark said Lo knocked down a Chinese, but instead of taking him to a police station and reporting the accident, he told the man to go to the station and say he was injured through slipping in the street. The Sergeant investigated the matter following a report by an outsider that he had seen a man being pulled from underneath a motor car in West Point.

Summoned for driving his car without due care and caution in D'Agulir Street on January 31, Wong Kam-hung, public car driver, was fined \$20. Traffic-Sergeant G. Youe said he was going down Wellington Street on his motor cycle, and was about to turn into D'Agulir Street when he heard a horn being blown. He stopped on the left of the road and saw defendant come around the corner at too fast a speed. He almost collided with the car.

Dr. S. P. Lee, of 2 Tramway Path, was fined \$5 for causing an obstruction with his car in D'Agulir Street at 3.50 p.m. on February 8. For a similar offence in Queen's Road Central on February 10, Mr. A. R. Colquhoun, of the Royal Artillery Mess, Lyemun, was fined \$4.

SUSSEX BEAUTY SPOTS TO BE PRESERVED

London, Feb. 24. Approximately 12,000 acres of downland and water meadows in Sussex between Eastbourne and Seaford will be preserved, against building development for all time, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Health to-night. This results from the approval given by the Minister to a planning scheme made by the local councils and covering an area of some 10,000 acres.—*British Wireless*.

RUSSIAN ARTISTES AID REFUGEES

The well known Russian vocalist, Professor V. P. Blohin, has recently arrived at Hongkong. He is going to give a concert in aid of the Emergency Council for Refugee Relief on Sunday, February 27, at the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, at 8.00 p.m.

He is to be assisted by Mme. Lubimova, a soprano of rare sweetness.

Tickets are obtainable at the Peter's music house and at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. office.

FALLS OFF LORRY

Suffering from multiple injuries received when he fell off a motor lorry in Saikung Road, Kowloon City, yesterday, Wong King, 20, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

MANOEUVRES ON SMALL SCALE HERE

The customary annual combined manoeuvres will take place in miniature in Hongkong this year, it is learned. Only a small part of the Colony's defence forces will take part compared with last year and the whole operations will not extend over 48 hours.

The manoeuvres will take place between March 10 and 22, the exact two days not having yet been decided, and they will mostly comprise a test of the New Territories defences. The 1st Battalion, Seaford Highlanders, will conduct a controlled attack and the "Rajputana Rifles" will play an important role in defending the hilly area and the frontier.

The Volunteers will play their usual role at the beaches, but the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy will only assist with the few units they will have on the Station at the time. Since most of the fleet is at Singapore on a routine patrol, including the aircraft carrier, H.M.S. Eagle, the exercise will be a military one in the main.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB GIVES DINNER FOR LADIES

The monthly "Ladies' Night" of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club was held at the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, last night under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter H. Sin, when an attendance of 40 members and guests sat down to a Chinese dinner, the meeting being devoted of the usual speech-making.

An excellent programme of music was enjoyed after dinner, items being contributed by Signor E. Pellegrini in several cello solos, and Mrs. Sylvia Choy and Messrs. Stephen Burns, Li Chor-chi and C. Spilsky in vocal numbers. Mr. William Gault contributed several comic songs and humorous stories which kept the audience in fits of laughter. Professor E. Gaudin was the accompanist of the evening.

Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, Director of the Y's Men's Clubs in China, on behalf of the Club, thanked the guests for contributing to one of the pleasantest meetings yet experienced.

BOAT PEOPLE PUNISHED

Charged with the unlawful boarding of the Van Heutz yesterday without the permission of the police, Officer in charge of the vessel, Kwok Pak-tung, and Li Shing were fined \$10 each or ten days' imprisonment when they appeared before Cmdr. G. F. Hole in the Marine Court this morning.

Three Chinese boat people were fined \$10 each for their pleaded guilty to mooring their boats at a distance of less than 100 yards from low water mark at the sea wall near the Cheung Chau Ferry wharf at 10.15 p.m. yesterday.

Cheung Fok, coxswain of the steam launch Kwong Shun, was fined \$5 for towing two vessels of over 1,500 piculs capacity each through the Southern entrance to Yau-mai, Typhoon Shelter at about 10 a.m. yesterday.

BRITAIN MUST FACE REALITIES SAYS JAPANESE NEWSPAPER

Tokyo, Feb. 25. "If Britain faces actualities in the Far East and comes to understand Japan's position in the Orient, readjustment of Anglo-Japanese relations would not be very difficult" declares the commercial daily paper, the Chugai Shogho.

The wisest way for both countries to readjust mutual relations, the paper continues, is to "conduct a free exchange of views as to their respective intentions regarding the status of the Shanghai area where Britain has huge interests. This inevitably would result in an early rapprochement between the two countries."—*Reuter*.

Rumanians Favour New Constitution

Bucharest, Feb. 24. Rumania held a referendum on the new Constitution on February 21. The voting was compulsory, voters being instructed to declare orally, "Yes" or "No", whether they approved of the Constitution.

Provisional figures show that 88 per cent. voted, only a insignificant number answering in the negative. For example, in Bucharest, 226,504 voted for the Constitution, and 277 against.

GARAGES FOR ARMY

The buildings now being put in the gardens below Murray Barracks on Queen's Road East are garages which will be used by the Royal Scots. This battalion, which recently arrived, is a mechanised body and is the first of its kind to be garrisoned here.

Japanese Close Famous University

America's Gift To China Now Used By Soldiers

Peking, Feb. 25. The Ministry of Education has announced that the Tsinghua University is definitely not re-opening. This is regarded here as the logical climax to what appears to be a definite campaign to eliminate this university which represents America's greatest cultural gift to China, and is one of the most important institutions of modern China.

It has been occupied by Japanese troops since last October. The beautiful campus and well equipped buildings are to-day in a sad state of dilapidation, and even ruin. The buildings and equipment valued at approximately \$20,000,000—drawn from the American Boxer indemnity, would require many millions to restore and to put in a condition for use.

Nominally in charge of a special committee of 15 Tsinghua University representatives and six Provisional Government appointees, the whole of the university plant is directly controlled by Colonel Renya Mutaguchi, former Embassy guard commandant. It has been occupied by between 300 and 500 troops the whole time and it has been found necessary to occupy more and more buildings until now the members of the Tsinghua Committee and Ministry of Education must secure special permits even to enter the campus.—*United Press*.

Another 26 Cases Of Smallpox

A further 26 cases of small-pox were reported to the health authorities yesterday, bringing the total for the year to 443.

Thirteen of yesterday's cases were reported from Victoria, eleven from Kowloon, and one each from Shaikwan and the New Territories.

In addition four cases of dysentery (one from Victoria, two from Kowloon and one from Shaikwan); two cases of meningitis from Kowloon and one case of measles from Kowloon were reported to the authorities.

SNATCHER BUMPED INTO TREE IN PANICKY FLIGHT

A young bag-snatcher, Lo Chung-ye, 19, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court this morning with the theft of a handbag containing \$10, a cigarette and other articles from a woman, Wong Tak, 36, at Wongnei-chong Road last night.

Police-Sergeant H. Danbrowsky said that the woman was walking near the Hongkong Sanatorium at about 8.40 p.m. when defendant came from behind, snatched her bag, and ran up the hillside. The cries for help of the victim attracted the attention of an electrician, Li Kuen-chi, who chased defendant. During the chase, the snatcher crashed into a tree, and suffered an injury to his eye. Li took him into custody, and back to where the woman waited.

Li was commended for his action, and Lo was remanded for three days for a medical examination to ascertain his fitness for a caning.

BURGLAR HELD BY TENANT VICTIMS

"I was invited by two thieves to go in the house," was what Ng Kong-shiu, 41, said from the dock in answer to a charge of burglary in the Central Magistrate's court on Wednesday before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Detective-Sergeant D. Davies said that Chan Chiu, an electrician, the complainant, was awakened by the searching of a rattan basket by defendant. Chan shouted, causing fellow tenants to awake, and defendant was caught.

The prosecution declared that entrance to the premises was gained by breaking a shutter, and one of the men managed to get in and opened the street door to admit the other two men, who complainant alleged were escapees.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

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7.25 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.30 London Relay—"Food for Thought".

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
7.50 Studio—Colonel Irwin, D.S.C., M.C., C.S.D. 1: a talk on 'Black Out'.
8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Recital by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with The Very Rev. Father Hignati at the Piano.
1. Son Pochi Fiori (L'Amico Fritz—Mascagni); 2. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn); 3. The Lotus Flower (Schumann).... Elvie Yuen; 4. Blumenstuck, Op. 10 (Schumann).... Father Hignati; 5. In quelle tinte. Nocturne (Maurice Leconte—Puccini); 6. Ebbens. No andro lontana (La Wally—Catalani).... Elvie Yuen.

8.25 Russian Programme with Ruth Litvin (Piano) from the Studio.
Dobryshchka (arr. Rimsky-Korsakov); Polovits March (Prince Igor—Borodin).... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates; Song of Prince Galitsky (Prince Igor—Borodin); In the Town of Kasan (Boris Godounov—Moussorgsky).... Theodore Chailin (Bass); The Lark (Glinka-Balakireff); Serenade (Borodin); Douma—Russian rustic scene (Tchaikovsky).... Ruth Litvin from the Studio; Islamic Oriental Fantasy (Balakireff, arr. Casella); New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens; Musical Box (Ludovik—Polichinelle (Rachmaninoff).... Ruth Litvin from the Studio; Prince Igor (Borodin)—Pensant's Chorus; Russian Cherubic Hymn (Voronikoff).... Sorokin Russian Choir; Four Russian Folk Dances (Ludovik—Polichinelle); Chant; Christmas Carol; 3. Plaintive Melody; 4. Humorous Song—The Buzzing and Biting of the Gnat.... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

9.30 London Relay—The News.
9.50 Beethoven—Concerto in D Major, Op. 61.

Played by Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
10.35 Songs by Herbert Janssen (Baritone).
Widmung "Du meine Seele" (Ruckert-Schumann); The Flower (Heine-Schumann); All Souls' Day, Op. 10, No. 4 (von Gilm-R. Strauss).... Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.45 Military Band Music.
Marche Lorraine (Ganne); Belphégor, Quick March (Brepanti); Marching With Sousa.... Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

11.00 London Relay—America Speaks—1.

A series of talks broadcast from U.S.A. to the British Empire. The intention of the talks is to give in broad outline a picture of the developing problems of America and of the solutions to them which are being tried and proposed. Well-known figures in the public life of the United States are being invited to take part.

11.20 Close down.

POLITICS CAUSE CRISIS IN TOKYO UNIVERSITY

Tokyo, Feb. 25. Following the rejection of his proposal to the Economic Faculty of the Tokyo Imperial University that three professors, recently detained on suspicion of being radicals, be immediately dismissed from the faculty, the Dean, Shingoshi Hukikata, has resigned his post.

The professors in question are Hyoye Ouchi, Hiroshi Arisawa and Yoshitaro Wakamura. They were arrested earlier in the month on suspicion of having been involved in a Popular Front movement. Professor Hukikata, who is a noted Rightist, demanded that the three men be dismissed, but the rest of the Economic Faculty refused until the charges had been substantiated.—*Reuter Special*.

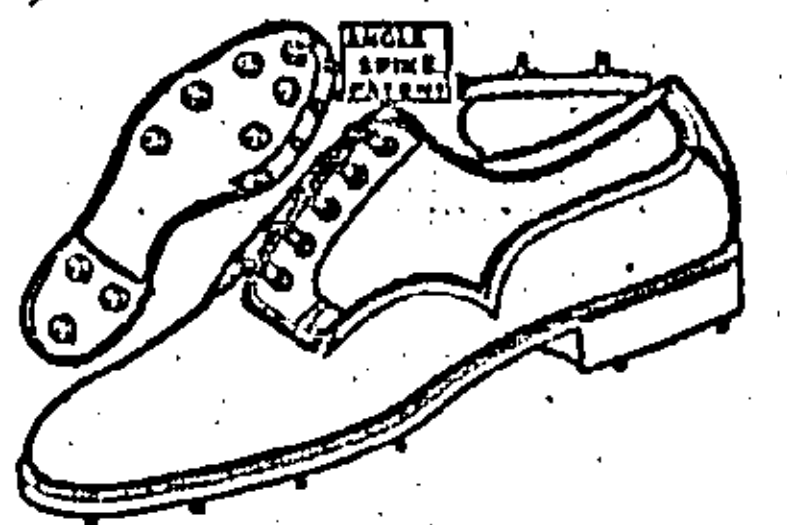
KING TALKS WITH PREMIER

London, Feb. 24. The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace this evening. Another Minister, who had audience to-day was Lord ... the who is at present in charge of the Foreign Office, and who was at the Palace as Lord President of the Council for a meeting of the Privy Council held this morning.—*British Wireless*.

MR. F. P. FRANKLIN IN HOSPITAL

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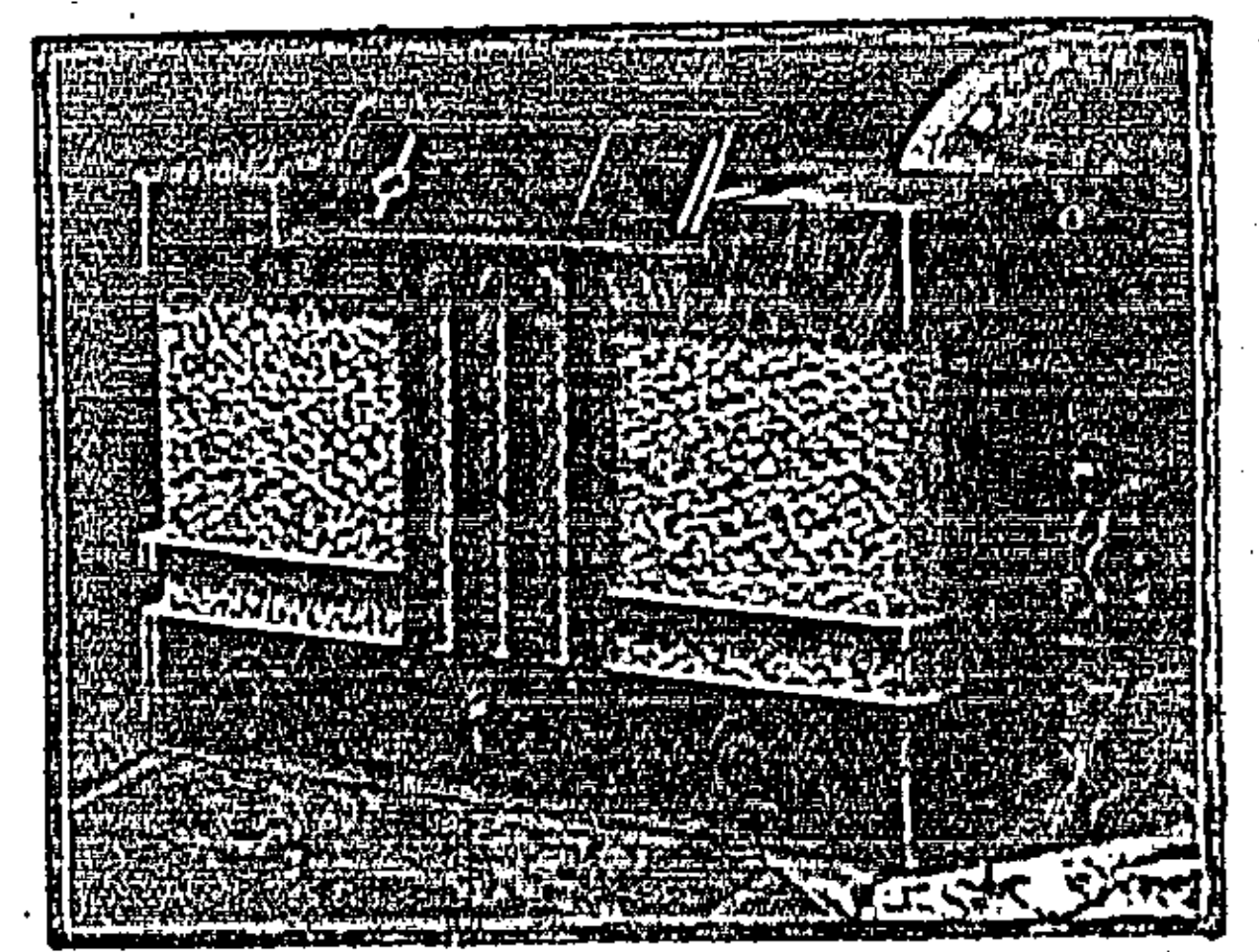
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(By "Captain Foster")

The Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club will terminate to-morrow at Happy Valley. Race-goers are reminded that the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., instead of the usual eleven o'clock.

An attractive programme of nine races, including four handicap events, will be presented to punters and chief interest will be centred on the two main events, the Subscription Griffins Champions and the Australian Ponies' Champions.

The headrace itself is made a strong contingent of children will be turning out to-morrow and although they are permitted in either enclosure, they will only be admitted in the company of their parents. Attention of the public is drawn that no animals will be allowed. Kiddies are reminded that there are several kickers among this year's bunch of Australian and China ponies and the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club will not be responsible for any accidents.

Mr. Clerk of the Weather was very kind with the result that the going was getting faster after every event and this can be well gauged by the running of Louis XIV in the Sports Club Cup and Hongkong Stakes, the sub-griffins covering 1 1/2 miles in 3.14.2/5 and the last half-mile was negotiated in 1.01.2/5. The Ladies' Purse was won by Mr. Du Tong-sen's Potentate with Mr. C. Encarnacao up in 1.40.2/5, the time being one three-fifths seconds slower than the track record held by Soldier of Britain. The Griffins Consolation Stakes over a mile was won by Jobber in 2.01.4/5 which was undoubtedly a grand show considering the fact that all the winners were barred.

BRILLIANT SILKYLIGHT

The outstanding feature of the Annual Carnival was the brilliant performance of Silkylight, a China pony owned by Mr. Eric Moller of Shanghai, who annexed the "Triple Crown", namely, the Maiden Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. The success was in certain measure due to the fine handling of the pony by the owner's son, Mr. R. B. Moller, who rode a clever race on the winner in the Champion Stakes to beat the invincible Liberty Bay by a length after one of the most exciting finishes ever witnessed at the Race Course. It must have thrilled every regular follower of the turf, for the grim battle for the highest honours of the season started at the distance of post or thereabouts and it did not end until the horses were well past the finish line. It was a great treat to see Silkylight being led to the dismounting enclosure by Mr. Eric Moller who was on the off side while Miss Nancy Moller was on the near and they were followed by the trainer and the Russian riding boy. The happy family must have been tickled to death over the win and I am sure that the great old timer Mr. E. Moller will never forget the ovation accorded to Silkylight.

Mr. L. Dunbar's Liberty Bay suffered his first defeat after a brilliant racing career dating back to 1932 and it is interesting to relate that the pony has scored two dozen easy wins before he met his Waterloo. Liberty Bay has had a sequence of four consecutive championships to his credit from 1933 to 1936, but his greatest victory was not seen in action during the whole of last year on account of "dotty" and it seems to me that the "day off" was in certain measure responsible for his failure.

Congratulations are due to Mr. Eu Tong-sen in capturing the most racing trophies, namely, the Lusitano Cup, the Royal Navy Cup, the American Club and the Governor's Cup and this record is hard to beat. In addition, Mr. Eu Tong-sen's jockey, Mr. C. Encarnacao, had the pleasure to pilot Potentate to victory in the Ladies' Purse while Mr. S. L. Yuen graduated from the novice class on Rob Roy in the Jockey Cup with a beautiful silver trophy (valued \$100) which he is proud to possess.

OPENING EVENT Milo Race For Non-Winners

The opening event for to-morrow is the Nil Desperandum Stakes over a mile for non-winning China sub-griffins of this Club of this meeting that have started at least twice, and the Stewards will determine by lot in which section the ponies will start. At the time of writing I have not a list of the draw but my selections will appear on Saturday.

GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP

Sir Victor Sassoon May Carry It Off

The weights for the Griffins Spring Handicap over a mile for non-winning griffins have not yet been announced and I cannot therefore discuss the prospects of any ponies. The conditions of this race are for Derby ponies that have won at least twice and have not started at more than three times their own weight. It seems strange to say that all the candidates belonging to Sir Victor Sassoon will be allotted with weights to show their prowess. Sir Victor had four nominations, but Harmony Eve pulled up lame after a trial before the meeting and the luck of the other three, namely, Half-Moon Eve, Handicap Eve and Humdrum Eve was dead out. While on the subject, Sir Victor Sassoon, who was present at the Carnival, had the pleasure of leading in only one winner, Honeycomb Eve, in the Gymkhana Stakes and it is to be hoped that he will have more luck to-morrow with his long string of ponies. Among the list of non-winning griffins, the best left is Half-Moon Eve and Lancashire Lass and a good race between these two is assured.

FIRST LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

Flemington Stakes For Australians

The first leg of the "Daily Double" is on the Flemington Plate over a short distance for Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting that have started and have not won, and also ponies of any season that have not won \$1,000 or more in stakes at Race Meetings since January 1, 1937. It is a fast sprint for the 1 1/2 mile post and we should see a good tussle between Derby Day, Ranger, Violet Queen and Zodiac. The draw for the position means a lot but Ranger is not a quick mover at the release of the tape and it looks therefore a good thing for Derby Day. I am afraid that the youngsters of this season will have no say, but be careful with Macquarie River who is a fast merchant over this jaunt.

GOOD FIELD EXPECTED

Louis XIV Should Win Easily

The Professional Cup and Subscription Griffins Champions over 1 1/2 miles will draw a good field, but we have not to go very far to look for the winner. On his performances, Louis XIV, the property of jockey owner Mr. S. W. Tang, will have an easy passage in the main classic event, but Desert Star, Final Triumph, Flit Hein, Salvage Master and Smiling Thru will no doubt give him a good run for the money. The Professional Cup is to be won two years in succession or three years in all by ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners, and although last season's winner (Gordito) was from the stable Gordos, I cannot advocate the claims of their nomination. Borachito to turn the tables on Louis XIV. In 1936 Mr. Eu Tong-sen won the classic with Rose Evelyn, but I am afraid that his candidate Smiling Thru is not capable of duplicating the success. This beautiful Cup, presented by the members of the Law Society, has not been won outright since 1922.

Second Leg Of Daily Double

Good Entries For Phaethon H'cap

The Phaethon Handicap for D and E classes of China ponies has attracted 26 entries over a course (Continued on Page 9.)



FALL OF A CHAMPION.—After leading nearly all the way, Mr. L. Dunbar's invincible Liberty Bay is here seen beaten by a length in the Hongkong Champions on Wednesday by Mr. Eric Moller's Silkylight, which won the "Triple Crown" by annexing the Maiden Stakes, the Derby and the Champions. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)

THOUGHTS RETURN TO CRICKET FIELD ONCE AGAIN

Volunteers Play Three Games In Race Week

(By "R. Abbit")

Having all failed to make our fortune at this racing game, I suppose we can come back to cricket with a pleasant feeling of relief. But there were quite a lot of people who preferred cricket to ponies and three excellent games were the result of the Volunteers' enthusiasm.

The first game took place at the K.K.C. on Monday where the Home side ran up a total of 188 for 7 wickets before declaring. As a matter of fact they were to a certain extent indebted to bad catching as Anderson was dropped in the gully when about 20 and again in the deep at fifty. Apart from these chances, however, he played an excellent innings. Pereira (10-2-57-4) bowled quite well but the K.C.C. batting was more or less on top. Barrow made a magnificent catch, one-handed at square leg to dismiss Whitmarsh, who is a member of K.C.C. by the way, while later he threw down Broadbridge's wicket with the delicacy of a dart-thrower putting in an initial double—or so my informant said.

The Volunteers only just managed to "save" the game, and they had Neve and even more G. Souza to thank for it. Most of the rest had a bad day. Owen Hughes was bowled by a long hop and the tail completely failed to war. Souza (93 not out) played excellently and Neve was good after a shaky start. Lee had an off day with the ball but Lloyd (16-2-74-0) was quite useful. Anderson might well have gone on earlier.

THE SERVICES GAME
The United Services on Tuesday put up quite a strong side though none of the Seafarers in camp were playing. Off was the bowling of Whithope represented the Navy. As usual the Services' bowling was not particularly strong and pretty consistent scoring enabled the Volunteers to run up a total of 202 for 6, with Souza again top scorer with 47 not out. Neve was the bowling of the Volunteers very much better and Murray and Godby both got half-



George Souza
An Interceptor bat in the making centuries though Weedon and Ogilvie did not meet with success. They had one time however to get the runs, and probably a draw was the fairest result.

VOLUNTEERS LOSE

On Wednesday the cricket was not of such high standard and quite a weak Club side beat the Volunteers in a low scoring match. Neve scored 44 for the Club out of their total of 120 but he was dropped three times, twice by Owen Hughes who seldom puts one on the carpet. However, he made amends by an excellent catch later. Only four of the Volunteers got double figures and they were all out for 61 runs. Souza got 15 but his batting was in complete contrast to his two previous displays. However, I am told by a well-known cricketer that he has the making of a good Interceptor but with experience, but he wants a bit of coaching, as he is a bit apt

Norwich Defeats Chesterfield

London, Feb. 24.
In the Second Division of the English Football League, Norwich, at home, defeated Chesterfield by two goals to one to-day.—Renter.

Badminton

AU DIDN'T LOSE HIS FIXTURE

Beat Anderson In Singles

(By "Abe")

It has now been pointed out to me that the winner of the singles tie in the Colony Badminton Championship at Talkoo R.C. last evening was C. Au, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and not J. L. Anderson, of the Free Lances, as has been reported.

Au won in two straight games by scores of 15-2, 15-5.
In one of the other two matches in the programme, H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros had little difficulty in disposing of P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang in the doubles. The Recreio players were too consistent for their opponents, winning by 15-3, 15-5.
The youthful pair of Peter Wilson and Norman Smith fully extended S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher.

The amended scores are:
Men's Singles—C. Au beat J. L. Anderson 15-2, 15-5.
Men's Doubles—H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros beat P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang 15-3, 15-5; S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher beat P. Wilson and N. Smith 15-10, 15-13.

to pull his head up when playing forward.
For the Volunteers McKenzie (8-1-33-0) bowled very well and should have gone on earlier. Baker and Swain for the Club were good though I am told the latter's figures (15-5-3-30-8) flattered him a little.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

There is not a vast amount of cricket to-morrow and with three exceptions, all in the Junior Division, all the games are non-league ones. In the First Division the Hongkong Club are at home to the Indian Recreation Club and as the Civil Service have no game they have strengthened their team with P. Baker and D. McElina. None of the Peacocks are playing. At King's Park the Navy have a friendly against Recreio and I rather think they will win if they can turn out a full side, but with the "Cumberland" away and the "Suffolk" in port I don't know what the answer is. I sincerely hope that

Corinthians' Success Due Chiefly To Team Spirit

Islington Corinthians' Programme To-day

The following is the programme for the Islington Corinthians to-day:
Leave Hotel at 8.45 a.m. for tour and sight seeing round New Territories including the Jubilee Reservoir. At noon, tiffin at Royal Hongkong Golf Club.
1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. golf at Royal Hongkong Golf Club.
Evening free.

Mr. Tom Smith Explains How Tour Came About

(By "Abe")

WHILE describing how the present tour of the Islington Corinthians came about at the dinner given to the visitors by the Hongkong Football Association at the Hongkong Hotel last evening, Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the team, explained the success of the side in one word—co-operation.

"I HAVE always held and will always hold that eleven players, playing football together as a team, will always triumph over eleven individuals no matter how clever the latter are," said Mr. Smith. And Mr. Smith knows football and knew what he was talking about.

His words should be a lesson to those local players who are always trying to be too clever and seldom seem to remember that there are ten other players on their side.

"The Islington Corinthians are playing better now than they have ever done in the present tour. They are one unit when they are on the field, and this accounts for their present run of successes.

"In my opinion, they are playing better football now than any other amateur team I have seen in my life," added Mr. Smith.

South China A.A. and the United Services, the two sides the Islington Corinthians have beaten in Hongkong, can therefore take heart. Our visitors' play at the moment represents the highest standard of amateur football in England, and it is no disgrace to be beaten by such a side.

A "Joke" Becomes True
HOW a suggestion which he took for a huge joke at the time has now become true was revealed by Mr. Smith in the course of his speech.

When the Chinese Olympic footballers were in London, they were entertained by the Islington Corinthians, and the Chinese were so grateful for the hospitality extended to them that Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, the manager of the side, said to Mr. Smith, "Why not come to Hongkong to play us?"

Mr. Smith and everyone else who heard what Mr. Wong said thought the latter was joking. But Mr. Wong was dead serious and mentioned the matter again before the Chinese left London.

He went further than that. He convinced Mr. Smith that it was possible not only to bring a team to Hongkong but to take it round the world, and suggested that the Islington Corinthians should do what the Chinese Olympic team did when it went to Berlin in 1936.

The idea was to write to various clubs on the route which they intended to take and ascertain their reactions to the scheme. It was then that Mr. Smith discovered that the proposition was not as frivolous as he had thought it was. As a matter of fact, after giving the matter more mature thought, he found it a feasible one.

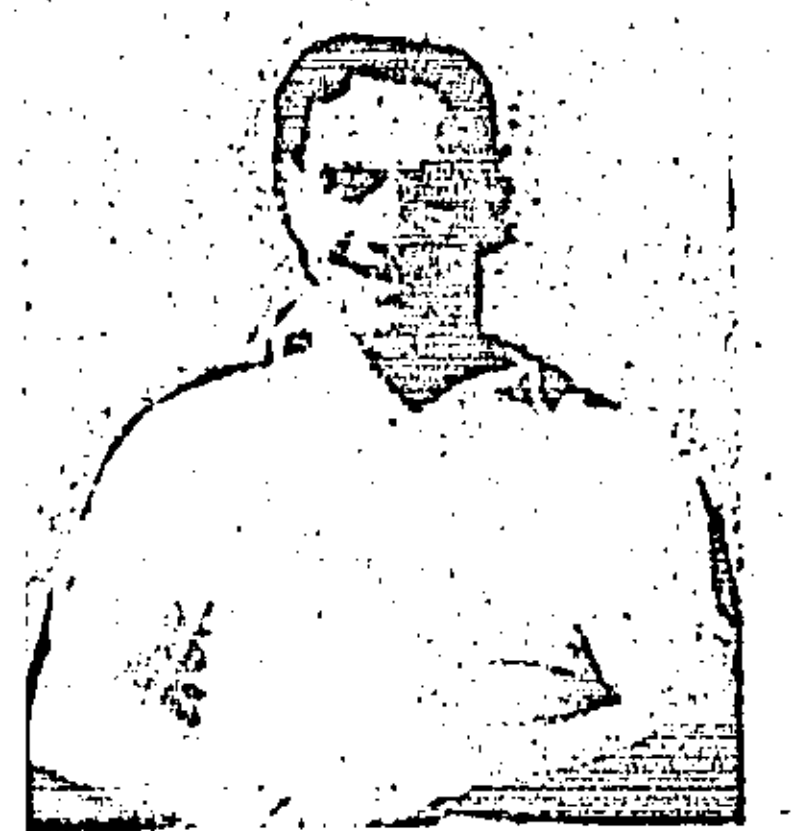
Objections Everywhere
NEVERTHELESS it was not a question of just getting a team and reserves together and set sail. All sorts of arrangements had first to be made before the tour could be embarked upon, including obtaining the permission of the F.A.

At first, the Islington Corinthians could not obtain this permission. It was held that such an ambitious scheme as Mr. Smith had described to the F.A. was impossible, and furthermore it was not desirable that a team of English footballers should get beaten everywhere they went.

And also there was the probability that the tour would end in failure and the F.A. would then have to bear the responsibility of getting the players back to England. Eventually, however, Mr. Smith convinced them, and permission was obtained in spite of the objections of the Press in the country.

It was admittedly a pioneer effort, but the tour so far has been a very successful one and may prove to be the forerunner of visits to the East of representative English amateur teams officially sponsored by the English Football Association.

After their matches in Cairo, the Egyptian Football Association called back to England to the effect that they had been extremely satisfied with the Islington Corinthians and with the brand of soccer they played, and that if at any time they wished



"Fat" Clark
He has four fears.

to visit the country again, a hearty welcome awaited them.
Well done, Islington Corinthians!

H.K.F.A. Thanked

IN the course of his speech last evening, Mr. Smith said the Corinthians were now in Hongkong as the guests of the South China A.A. and not the H.K.F.A. because it was originally due to the Chinese that they had started on their tour, to reciprocate the visit paid them in London by Lee Wal-tong and Co. Nevertheless, on behalf of the players he thanked the Association for so kindly joining with the Chinese to make their stay in the Colony such a pleasant one.

Clark's Four Fears

In spite of being "frazzled" almost throughout his speech by members of his own team, "Fat" Clark, the captain of the Islington Corinthians, proved to be quite a good after-dinner impromptu speaker.

Describing his introduction to Chinese football, he said that when the Chinese team played in London, he went to see the match much with the same idea as if he was going to watch a circus show. But when Lee Wal-tong led his men out to the field, his ideas changed very quickly and he could say with complete honesty that he admired their football very much then.

Frankly, however, he thought that the Chinese team which played them last Saturday did not come up to expectations. After their exhibition in London, he expected the Chinese to put up a better show.

Amidst considerable laughter, he described the team's fears (1) Small-pox; (2) Typhoons; (3) Japanese; and (4) the forthcoming trip to Manila by plane.

Lee Wai-tong's Disappointment

CALLED upon by the Chairman, Mr. J. Ralston, to say a few words, Mr. Lee Wai-tong expressed his disappointment over his inability to play against the visitors in Hongkong. He said that ever since he met the Islington Corinthians in London, he had hoped that one day he would meet them on his own soil. Fate, however, had decreed otherwise. Nobody was more sorry than he was. Still, he was thankful that their visit to the Colony had given him a chance to return the courtesy and hospitality extended to him and his team-mates when they were in London in 1936. It was a neat little speech. Mr. Lee seems almost as good a speech-maker as he is a footballer.

Enjoyable Evening

THE function was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and the after-dinner proceedings were enlivened by contributions to the entertainment by members of the visiting team. J. Sherwood, Tom Smith, Len Bradbury, "Gunny" Avery, "Jack" McKelvie, "Pat" Clark, Eddie Martin, Dick Tarrant and Charles Carter (Hon. Secretary of the H.K.F.A.) all provided their quota of fun.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUBANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938.
10th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th
February, 1938.

On Saturday 10th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first race will be run at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 24th February, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax of \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of times will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Tel. 21020.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Times will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.RUGGER
SEASON
ENDINGTwo Matches For
To-morrow

There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay to-morrow. At 3 p.m. the Club "A" XV will play the Royal Scots. This game will be followed at 4.15 by a match between the Club and H.M.S. Adventure.

The Club teams have been selected as follows:—

1st. XV.—F. Cessford, D. H. Stewart, M. G. Carruthers, M. W. MacGrath, G. K. Chudwick, C. W. Lyle, J. R. Henderson, K. A. Watson, J. S. Dunnett, R. G. L. Oliphant, A. W. Holden, W. E. Peers, J. Redman, A. J. G. Taylor and J. C. Miller (Captain).

"A" XV.—F. Hopkins, H. van Leeuwen, L. Lammert, R. Leigh, F. Thompson, E. Taverner, R. Ruthven, R. H. G. White, T. H. Pratt (Captain), A. S. Olsen, A. G. Dalziel, T. Swan, H. W. E. Heath, J. K. Birt and E. C. Luscombe.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

The above matches are the last for the season, which will be wound up next week by the annual Seven-a-side Tournament. This year the entry has been larger than ever before and there are five Navy, twelve Army, five Civilian, one Police and one side from the m.v. Malayan Prince, at present in dock at Kowloon. The sporting entry from the officers of the Malayan Prince is appreciated. It is a pity that more "outside" teams do not enter in this manner. The Tournament becomes more interesting with dark horses amongst the competitors and no one is able to forecast the result.

The preliminary rounds take place on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Monday, 28th, February and on Thursday, 3rd, March. There will be six games on each of these days, the first commencing at 4 p.m. The finals take place on the same ground on Saturday, 5th, March, when there will be seven games, the first commencing at 3 p.m.

Admission charges on Monday and Thursday are fifty cents to any stand, and on Saturday \$1 to the covered stand and fifty cents to the open stands. Service men in uniform are admitted at half price on all occasions. Tickets for Saturday can be obtained from J. C. Miller, c/o Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd., and No. 1 Box at the Hongkong Football Club Club-house at Happy Valley.

As part proceeds of the Tournament will be devoted to charity, it is hoped that there will be a large gathering of spectators on all three days.



Jean Hersholt, Greta Garbo and Howard Marshall in "The Painted Veil," showing at the King's Theatre to-day.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Antamok	Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Atok	Unquoted	
Baguio Gold	154 1/2	
Benet Consolidated	12.30 1/2	
Coco Grove	57	
Consolidated Mines	Unquoted	
Demonstration	40	
I.X.L.	75	
Paracale Gumau	Unquoted	
San Marido	54	
Suyoc	21	
United Paracale	51	

The tone of the market—Steady.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 23.	Feb. 24.
Paris	163.27/32	154 1/2
Geneva	21.50 1/2	21.50 1/2
Berlin	12.40	12.30 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	95 1/2
Oslo	10.19	10.19
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	10.40	10.40 1/2
Helsingfors	12.2 1/2	12.2 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	5.01 1/2	5.01 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.90 1/2	8.90 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/4	1/4
Montreal	5.01 1/2	5.01 1/2
Brussels	29.55 1/2	29.55 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	210	210
Ducharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2 1/2	2 1/2
Silver (spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2

SEVEN-A-SIDE
RUGGER
TO-DAY

The two teams from H.M.S. Adventure will play their Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament matches on the Navy ground this afternoon as the ship will be away at sea next week.

Adventure "B" will meet H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships, and Adventure "A" will clash with H.M.S. Suffolk.

EXCHANGE

	Selling
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
Demand	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	104 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	31 1/2
T.T. Manila	62 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	94 1/2
T.T. France	9.50
T.T. Germany	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	10.10
30 d/s Indian	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	5.01 1/2
Silver (forward) 10 1/2	10 1/2
War Loan	103 1/2

—British Wireless.

Starting
Times
Announced
Week-End Golf
At Fanling

	Old Course
9.12	A. E. Lisaman, W. J. S. Key.
9.18	J. Stenerson, F. Groves.
9.20	D. M. Biggar, L. Shelden.
9.24	W. N. A. Smalley, Capt. Holmes.
9.28	D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.
9.32	I. P. Turnworth, T. R. Chassels.
9.36	R. A. Campbell, R. Young.
9.40	C. Furnham, J. H. Underwood.
9.44	A. V. Greaves, A. B. Purves.
9.48	E. Laidlaw, G. W. Reid.
9.52	A. D. Humphreys, L. R. Andrews.
9.56	Wing Comdr. Bishop, Count de Courcelles.
10.00	R. K. Valentine, Comdr. Hole.
10.04	O. J. Shannon, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.08	E. L. Groom, T. Lindars.
10.12	J. D. Dunby, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.16	D. J. S. Crozier, H. A. Mills.
10.20	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
10.24	D. W. McEwen, A. Sommerfeldt.
10.28	C. W. E. Bishop, B. J. B. Morahan.
10.32	T. E. Pearce, D. S. Edward.
10.36	A. W. Hodges, S. C. Feltham.
10.40	C. M. Gee, M. G. Marriott.
10.44	P. H. Scoones, L. Goldman.
10.48	Col. Blake, A. H. Forbes.
10.52	M. G. Carruthers, R. E. H. Nelson.
10.56	J. W. Mayhew, C. J. Clackett.
11.00	H. H. Mundy, G. Castle.
11.04	W. H. Way, K. R. Quick.

New Course

9.16	G. C. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.24	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Holmes.
9.32	W. A. Cornell, W. H. Roberts.
9.36	Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Roberts.
10.00	Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Hole.
10.16	Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Mills.
10.40	Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Crappell.
10.48	Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Forbes.
11.00	Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Castle.
11.10	Col. & Mrs. E. D. Matthews.

Second Leg
Of Daily
Double

(By "Captain Foster")

(Continued from Page 8.)

from the two mile post, once round and in, but the allotment of the poundage has not yet been published; incidentally the second leg of the daily double is on this event. We have certainly a long list from which to select the second leg and my fancy will appear on Saturday.

AUSTRALIAN
PONIES'
CHAMPIONSCan Electron Beat
Strathroy Again?

The penultimate event is on the Australian Ponies' Champions and we may look forward to a really champion contest. The conditions of this classic are for winners and placed ponies of a flat race at this Club's Extra Race Meetings held during the second half of 1937 season, and/or at this Meeting only. I do not expect for a moment to see a big field, but with the presence of Able Amazon, Annabella, Blandford, Electron, Gypsy Love, Lancashire Chips, Little Audrey, Strathroy and Tornado Star, our race track is about the right size to hold nine runners without any interference. Strathroy after a thrashing by Electron in the Melbourne Cup over 1 1/4 miles, has been specially reserved for the big classic and the connections are confident that Strathroy will have his revenge. Electron, after his smart win, has been cut and the owners are looking forward to another success. Mr. Macgregor's candidate will therefore have to be at his best to stave off the challenge of Electron, but with due consideration to both of them, the entry of the Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Tornado Star, will have to be respected. This little chestnut mare by the sire "unknown" has certainly wonderful legs and the manner in which she annexed the Sydney Malden Stakes and the Rooty-Hill Derby, was very impressive. It may be of interest to know that the second pony (Annabella) and the third (Murray River) in the Rooty-Hill Derby were also by the unknown sire and it was indeed a great pity that the suppliers did not or could not furnish the Club with the names of their respective sires for future reference.

VALLEY SPRING
HANDICAPFor Ponies That
Have Not Won

The Happy Valley Spring Handicap is for China ponies that have started at this meeting and have not won, and the entries are to be divided into "A" and "B" divisions at the discretion of the Handicapper, Mr. C. M. Alves. With no date available, I cannot therefore give any comments.

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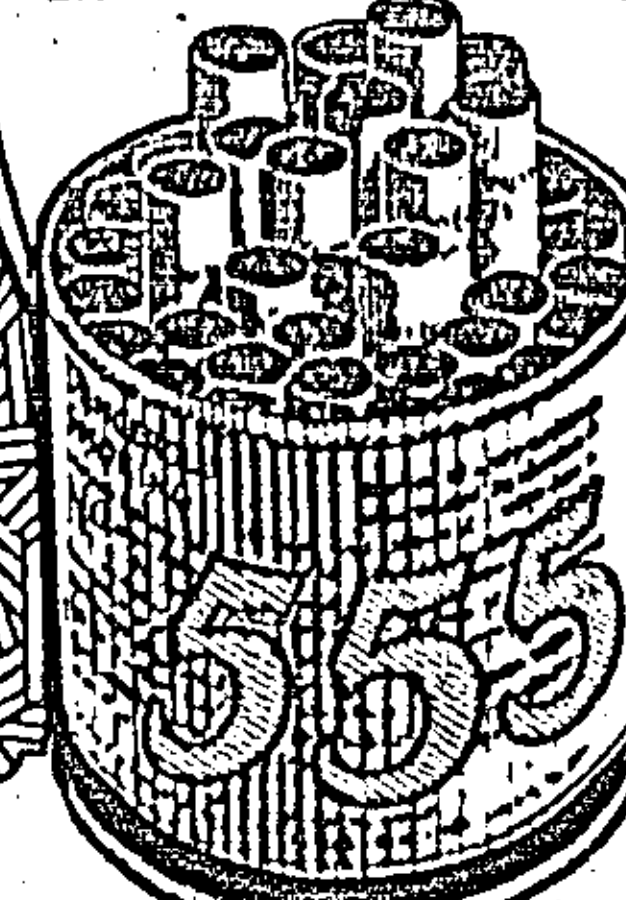
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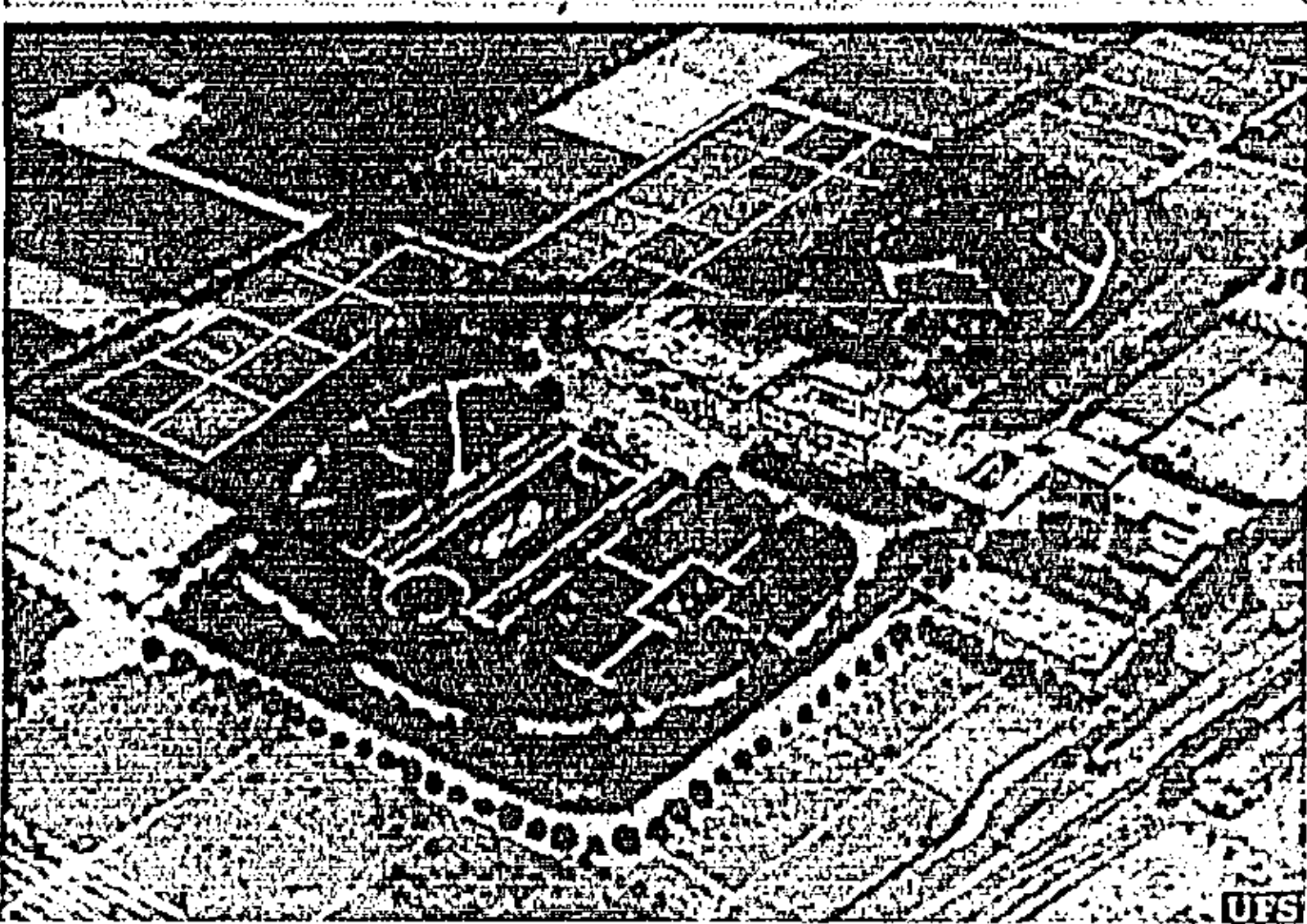
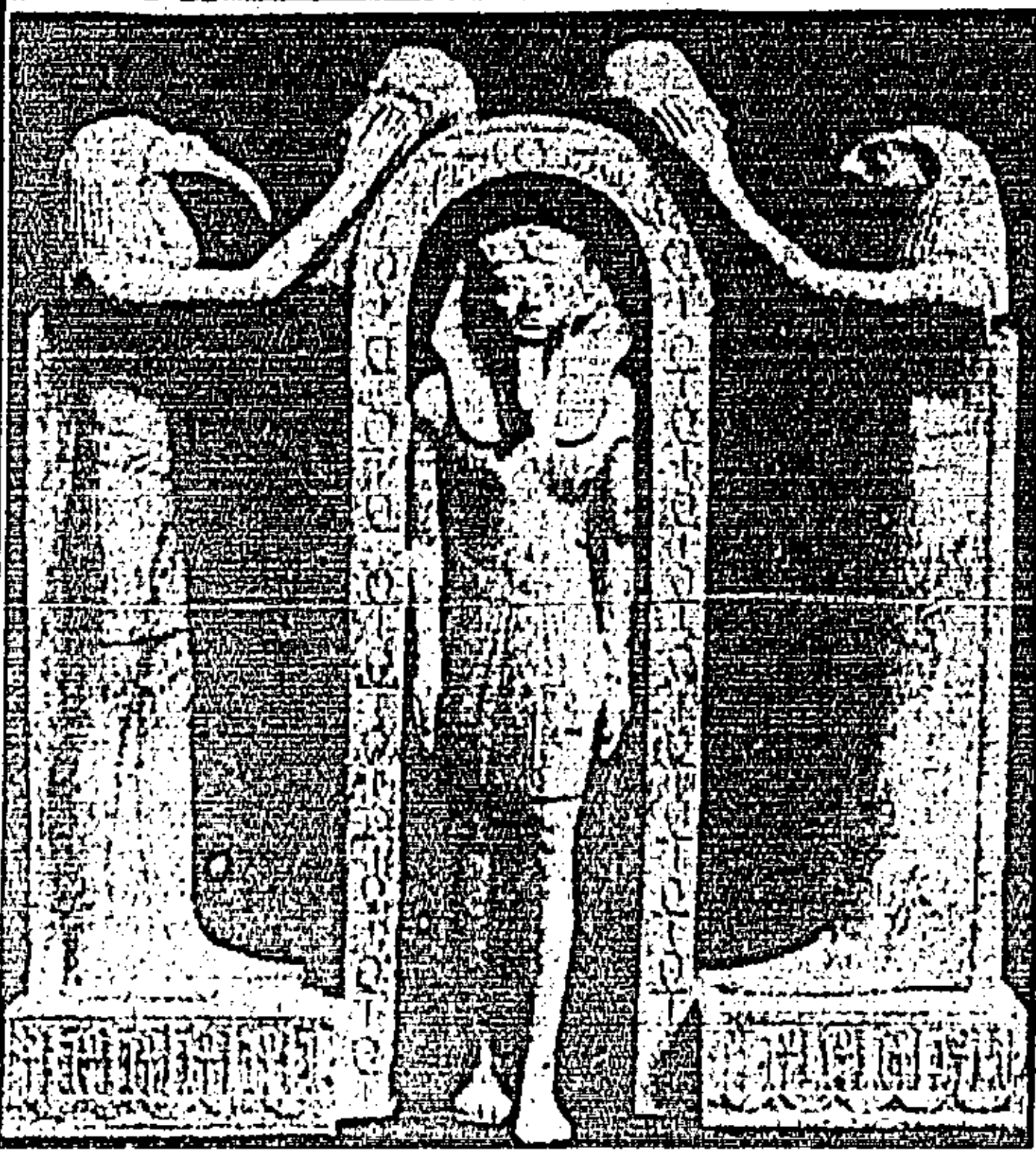
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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



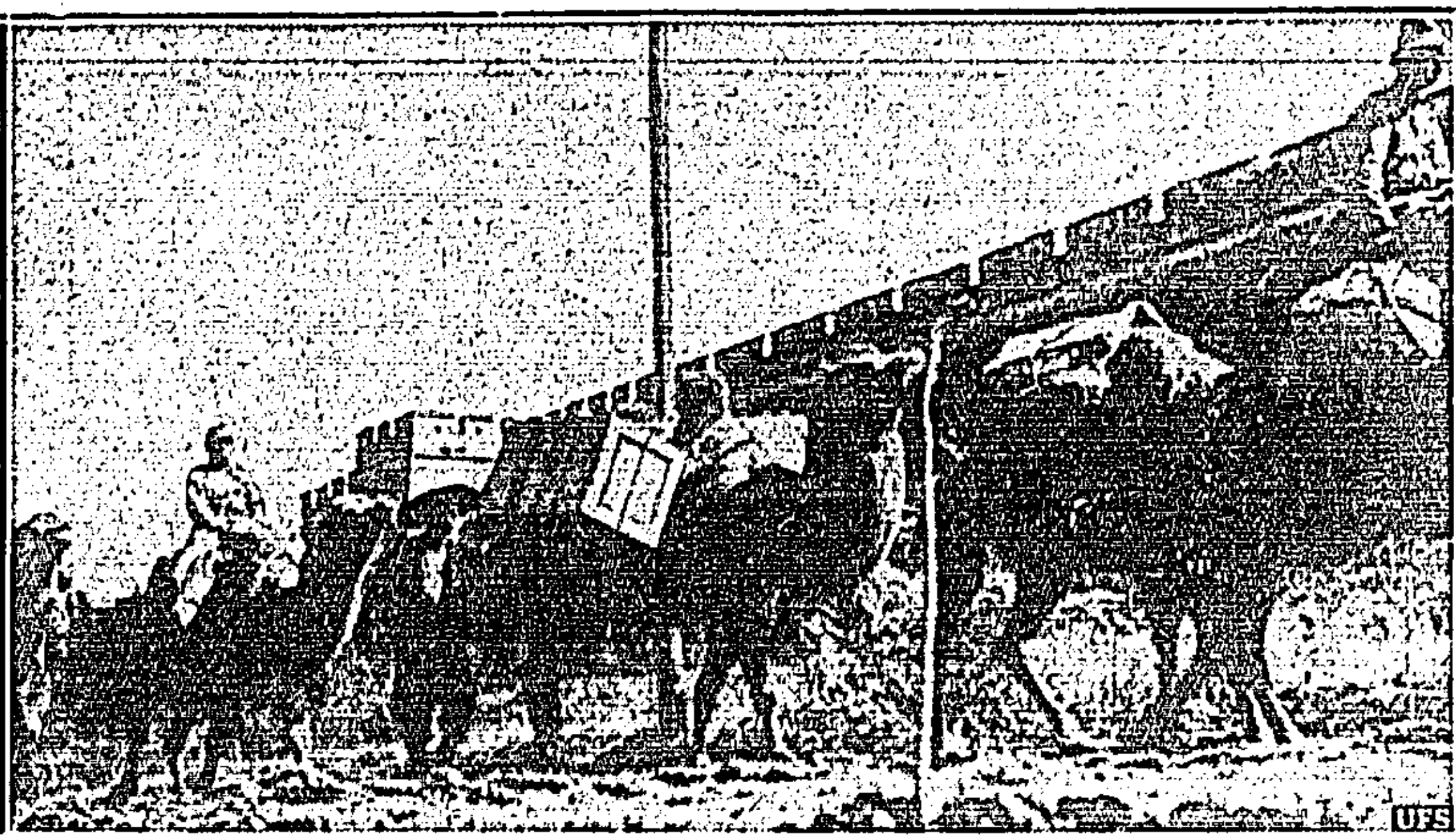
HOLIDAY — Claudette Colbert, film star, as she sailed from New York aboard the Conte di Savoia for a winter vacation at St. Moritz, Switzerland. Accompanying her was her husband, Dr. Joel Pressman. Miss Colbert said it was her first holiday in eight years. She said she had just completed a new picture, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," and was looking forward to the vacation at the famed Swiss winter resort with a vast amount of anticipated pleasure.



EGYPT'S KING AND QUEEN—A gigantic spectacle of jubilation, with rajahs, shahs and scores of foreign dignitaries attending, marked the wedding of King Farouk, 15-year-old sovereign of Egypt, to Miss Farida Zulficar, 17, daughter of an Alexandrian judge in Cairo. A week of festivities followed the simple religious ceremony ordered by the young King, idol of his people. This included a state procession in which the King and Queen rode in the royal coach, fireworks on the river Nile, civic and military parades, state banquets and an illumination of all Cairo.

Many believe the discovery in 1936 of the great stele of Amenhotep II, shown at lower left, in the diggings north of the Sphinx, preordained a glorious reign for young King Farouk and his lovely Queen, shown at top left and right. Like Farouk, Amenhotep ascended the throne of Egypt on his 18th birthday, in 1447 B. C., was more than six feet tall—a daring horseman and athlete.

Wedding ceremonies were held in Koubeh Palace, Cairo. View at lower right, made from an Imperial Airways plane, shows the formal gardens, model farms and recreation grounds that are part of the vast estate centring on the five-storey limestone palace, one of the show places of Egypt.



JAPANESE TRANSPORT—Modern devices for transportation are not always feasible in China and here the Japanese have resorted to an age-old method. Camels are loaded with Japanese munitions for the front, after the munitions were carried by motor trucks to a base in Suiyuan province. The beasts of burden with their Nipponese drivers are shown against the Great Wall.



RETIREES — Hsueh Shih - ying, Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, who has retired from the Japanese capital, following Japan's announcement that henceforth it will recognise only the new administration in China that are prepared to adopt pro-Japanese policies. The withdrawal of recognition from General Chiang Kai-shek's regime ruled out a war declaration.

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RANPURA	17,000	18th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
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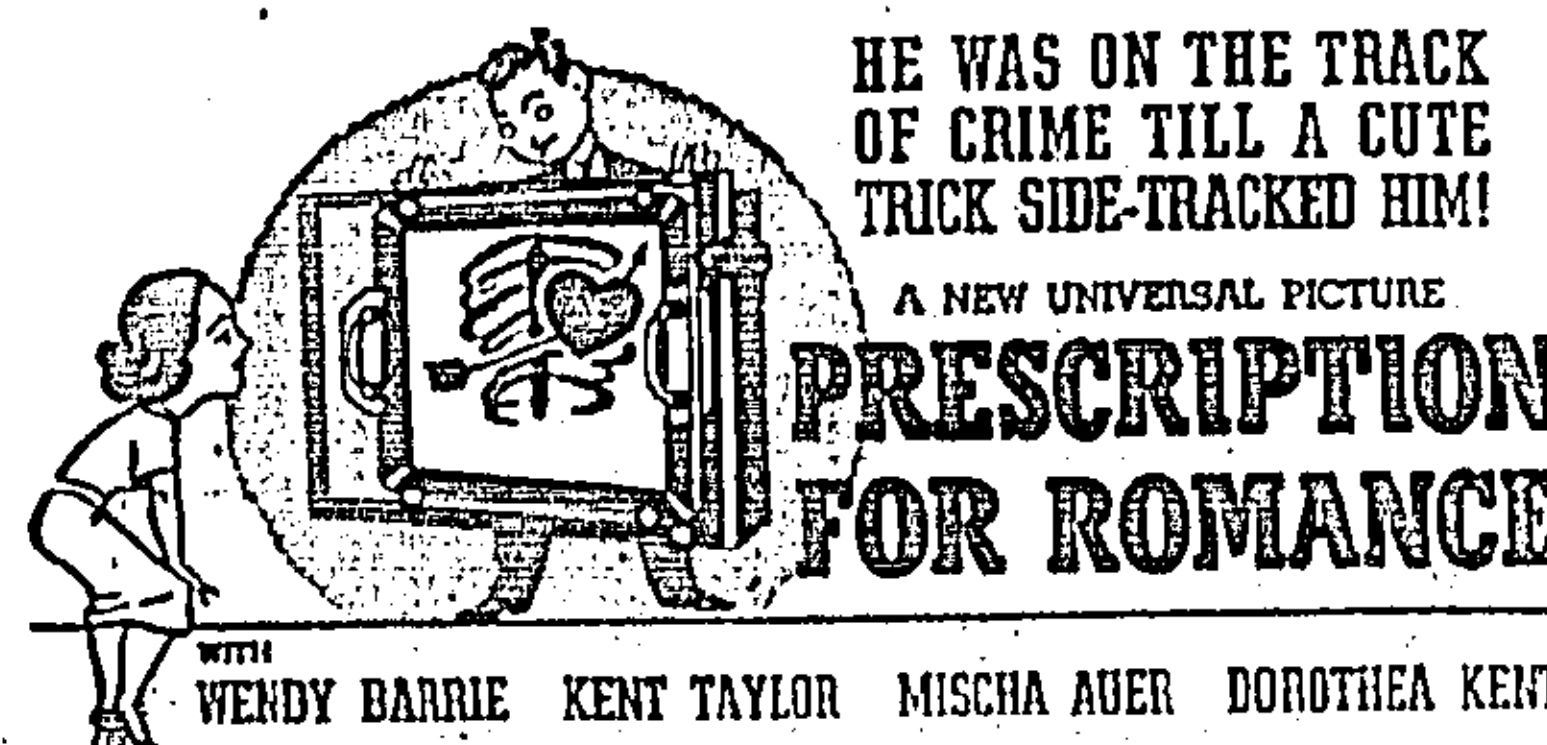
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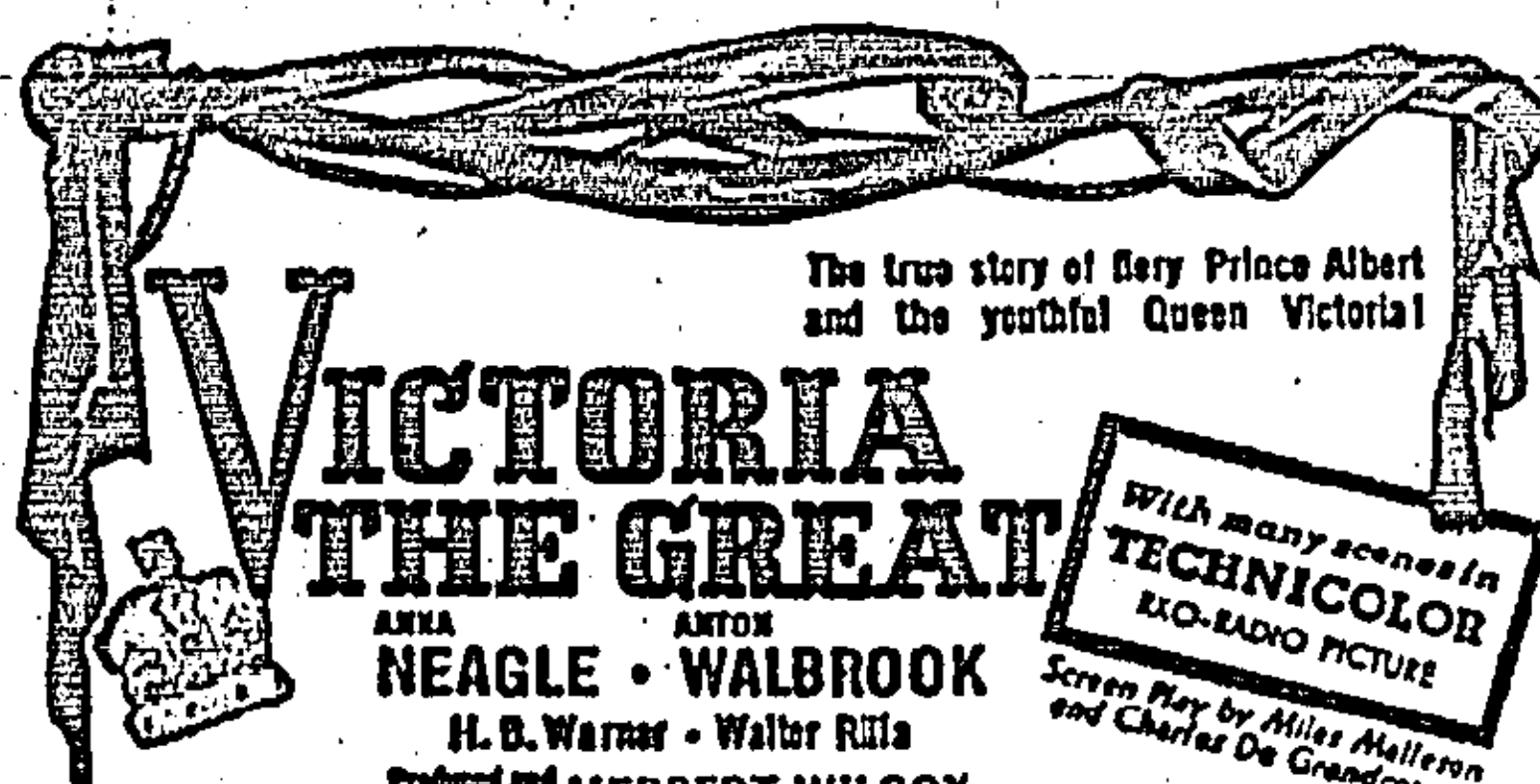


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Double Slaying In Amoy

Jealous Husband Kills
Policeman And Wife

Amoy, Feb. 21.
(By Mail)
A double killing occurred here during the week-end. A policeman and a woman, twenty-seven years of age, were the victims. The policeman had been a soldier in the north until comparatively recently. He is a native of Honan and leaves a mother and a younger brother. The woman had been married twice. Her first husband died four years ago. He was manager of a local tea firm, and after his death she married one of the assistants of the same firm. Dismissed from this employment, her husband fell into poor circumstances and became a hawker. He opened a small shop to sell the goods which he gathered and the little business was looked after by the wife during his absence while he acquired the town and country, buying discarded household rubbish to make a meagre livelihood by selling these goods in the shop. The policeman was on duty almost opposite the shop door and he made the acquaintance of the young wife.

The policeman, to deepen the intimacy, cultivated the acquaintance of the husband-hawker and soon the association between the policeman and the lady ripened into something more than friendship. At length the policeman removed his trunk from the police station to a room above the shop, and all his off-time he spent in her company. When not on night-duty, he slept at his friend's home and the husband was accommodated with a sleeping place in the shop below.

On Saturday morning the policeman failed to appear at the station for duty. He was sent for, but the men who had been dispatched to rouse him found the shop-door barred and neither shouting nor hammering on the door could rouse the inmates. At length one man scrambled through a back window, entered the bedroom, and found the policeman and the woman lying dead in bed. An axe and a knife, over a foot long, were lying on the floor near the bed. Both bodies were hacked and gashed with many wounds.

Enquiries from neighbours elicited that on the previous evening the husband had purchased wine and food and the three had passed a merry time before retiring.

The husband has been arrested.

Invention Will Pierce Fog

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Developed

London, Feb. 24.
The "Magic Eye," whereby a ship's pilot will be enabled to see through fog for a distance of 30 miles, is the latest invention of Mr. John L. Baird, television pioneer, who, before leaving London aboard the liner Strathaird to Australia, said he intended to carry out experiments during the voyage.

He added that he had already made experiments in an aeroplane with a television set for use in bombing aircraft. The set enabled the crew a bomber to see on a ground-glass screen, a town 50 to 100 miles away. —*Reuter Special.*

GEN. HAN FU-CHU'S RELATIVES SLAIN

Hsuehchow, Feb. 25.
More than 70 relatives of the late General Han Fu-chu, former Chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government at his native village Hanchinsun in Pashien, Hopei, were recently ruthlessly slaughtered by irregulars under the notorious bandit chieftain Liu Kwel-tang, allegedly in the employ of Japanese.

Gen. Han's mother and wife, who had left for Lanchow, luckily escaped the carnage. —*Central News.*

SOLDIER'S GALLANTRY REWARDED

Saved Comrades In
Cafe From Bomb
By Quick Action

London, Feb. 24.
The gallant action of Private J. E. Mott of the 1st Battalion Essex Regiment, in picking up a live bomb which had been thrown into a crowded cafe in Haifa on Christmas Day, and throwing it into the street where it exploded, has been rewarded. The War Office announces the King has approved the award of the medal of the British Empire (military division) for gallantry. The announcement states that the Jordanian Cafe in Haifa was crowded with soldiers and civilians when a bomb was thrown among them. Mott, who was seated at a table with some other men of the battalion, picked up the bomb and hurled it through the window into the street, where it exploded with great violence. Private Mott's highly courageous act undoubtedly saved several lives, and injuries to many of his companions. —*add the statement. —British Wireless.*

STOP PRESS

New Palestine Port Opened

Passengers Can Land
At Telaviv

Jerusalem, Feb. 24.
The new £250,000 port for passenger ships at Telaviv was inaugurated to-day. Accompanied by rain, the landing of passengers and other outside ceremonies had to be cancelled. Hitherto the port has only been handling goods, such as citrus and fruits, but the Government in Palestine has now sanctioned passenger landings and embarkations. —*Reuter Bulletin.*

Girl Prisoners Released

After British Consul
Intervenes

The Telegraph understands that the Japanese authorities at Tangku have released the two Chinese girl students of the Peiping Union Medical College who were seized aboard the B. & S. steamer Yochow at that port. The girls, Misses Sia and Liu, were passengers aboard the ship when it was searched by Japanese gendarmes. They were detained because, it is alleged, they were in possession of literature to which the Japanese took exception. Release has been effected, it is stated, upon representation by the British consul in Chefoo.

JAPANESE DETAIN PASSENGERS IN BRITISH SHIP

Moji, Feb. 25.
The British and other passengers aboard the steamer Kaiser-i-Hind, here from Hongkong, have been detained in quarantine. It will be necessary for the ship to be fumigated, and the passengers also, because one of the crew, A. P. Andrews, has smallpox. It is believed he contracted the disease in Hongkong. There are 14 British passengers aboard. —*United Press.*

PREMIER WILL ANSWER FOREIGN OFFICE QUERIES

London, Feb. 24.
The Prime Minister, answering Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons, who wished to know who would answer Foreign Office questions until the new Foreign Secretary had been appointed, said he would suggest Foreign Office questions should be addressed to him as the Prime Minister. —*British Wireless.*

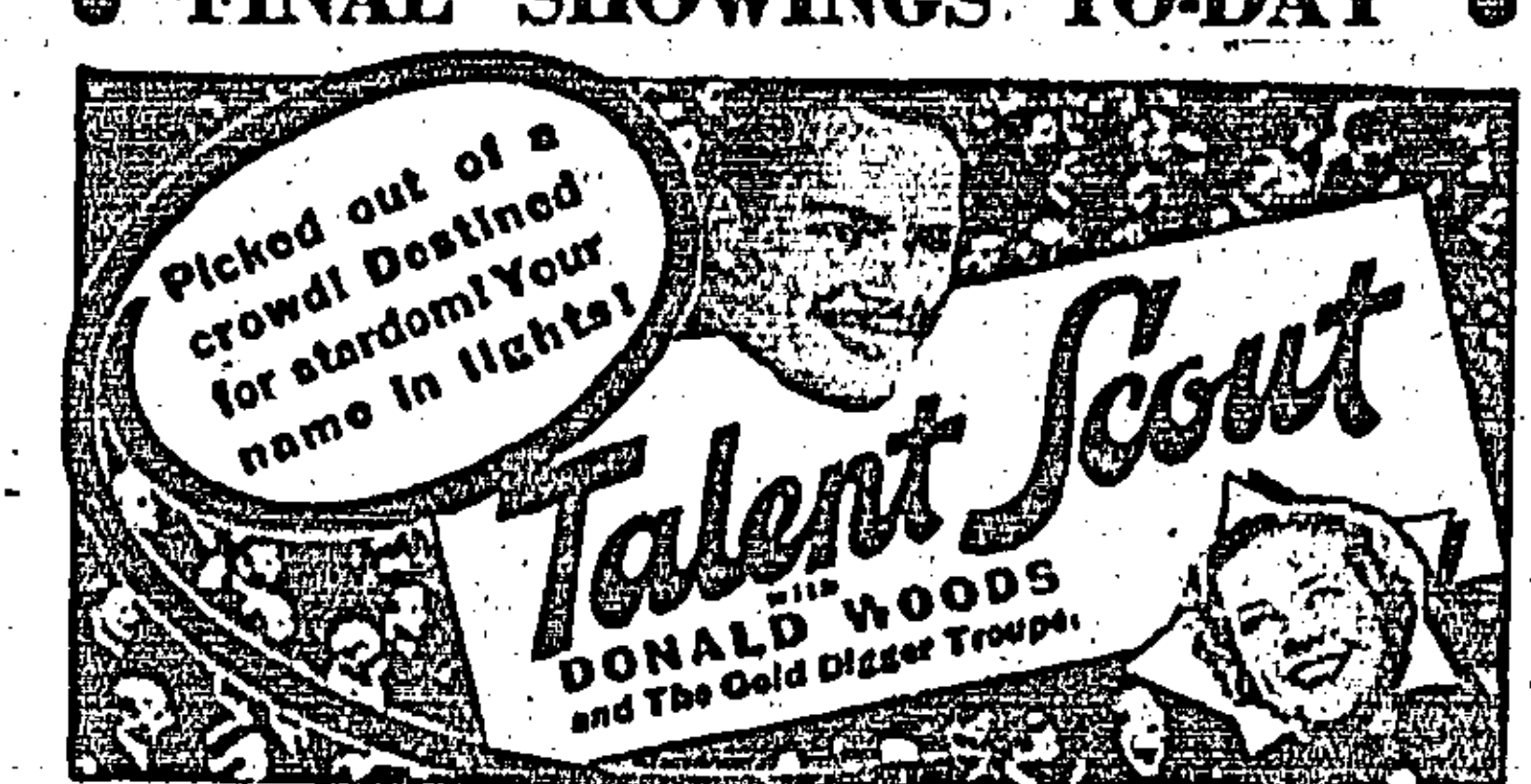
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Washington, Feb. 24.
Despite denial by the army and navy authorities, a high Government official, who insisted upon remaining anonymous, informed *United Press* that the war and navy departments possess highly confidential reports of the aeroplane and battleships manoeuvres off the Pacific coast which indicate that dreadnaughts were vulnerable to bombardment. This was proved by the fact that a thousand pound bomb exploding within 50 yards of a battleship would seriously injure its internal machinery, while cruisers were even more vulnerable. —*United Press.*

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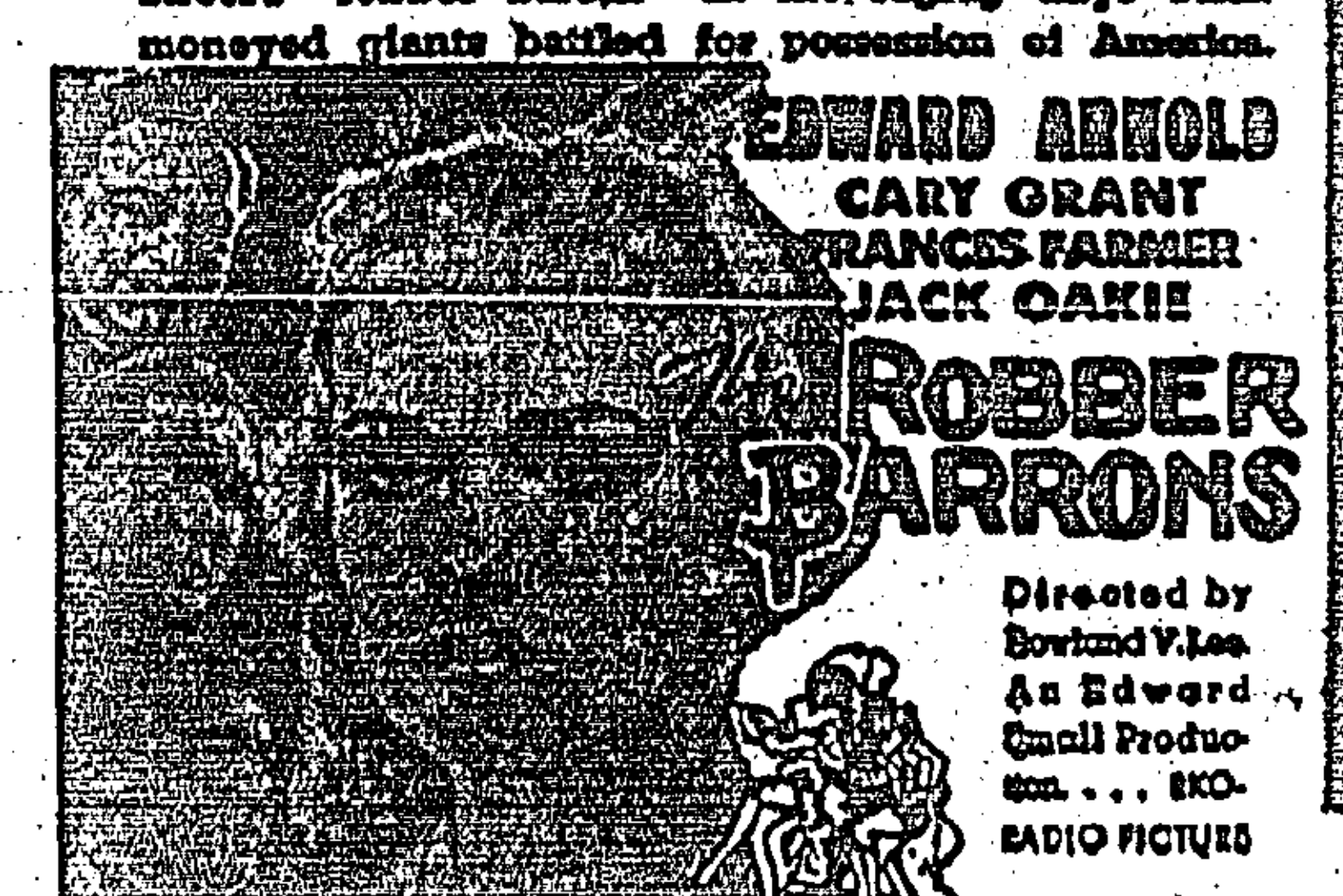
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